

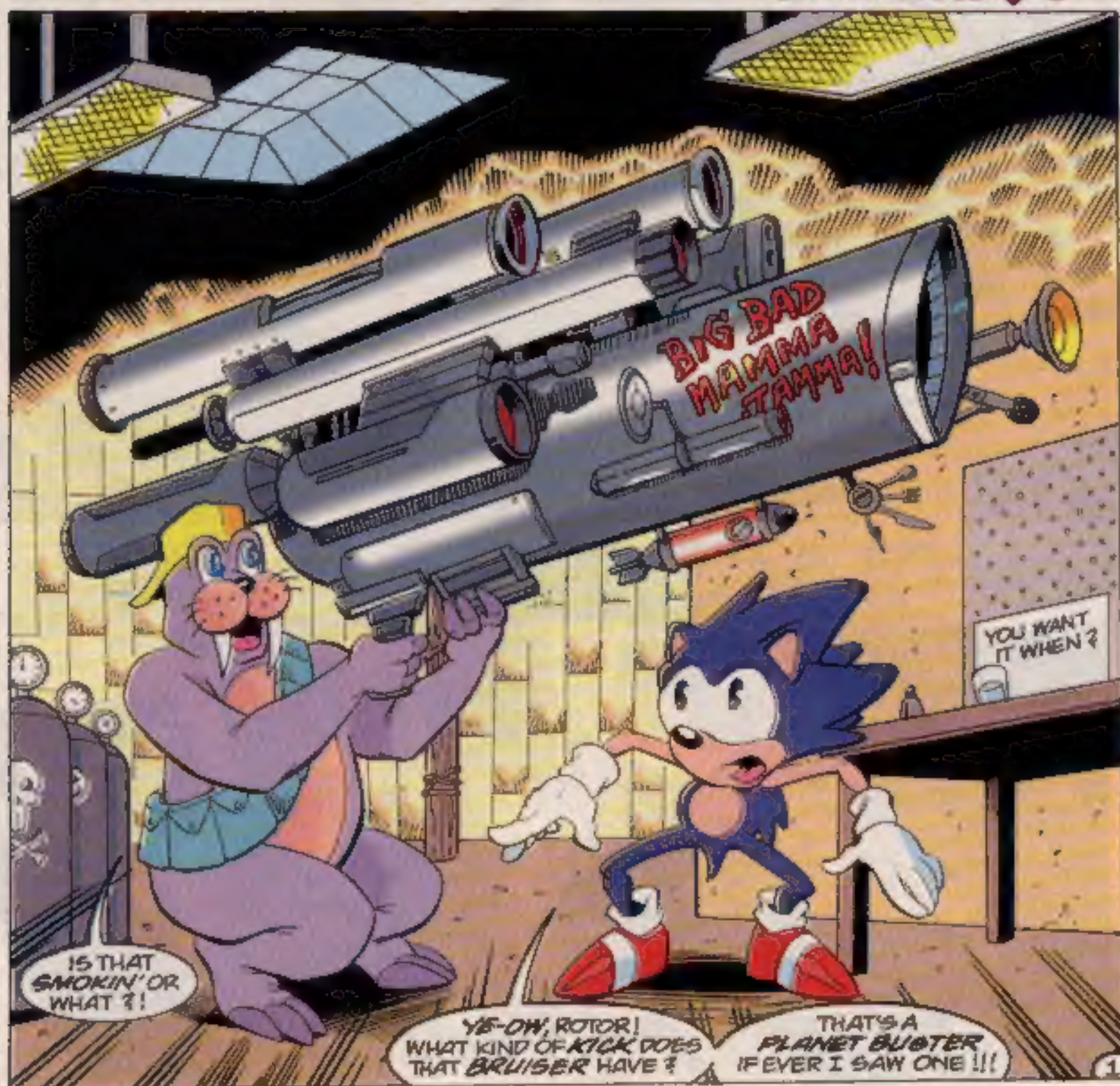
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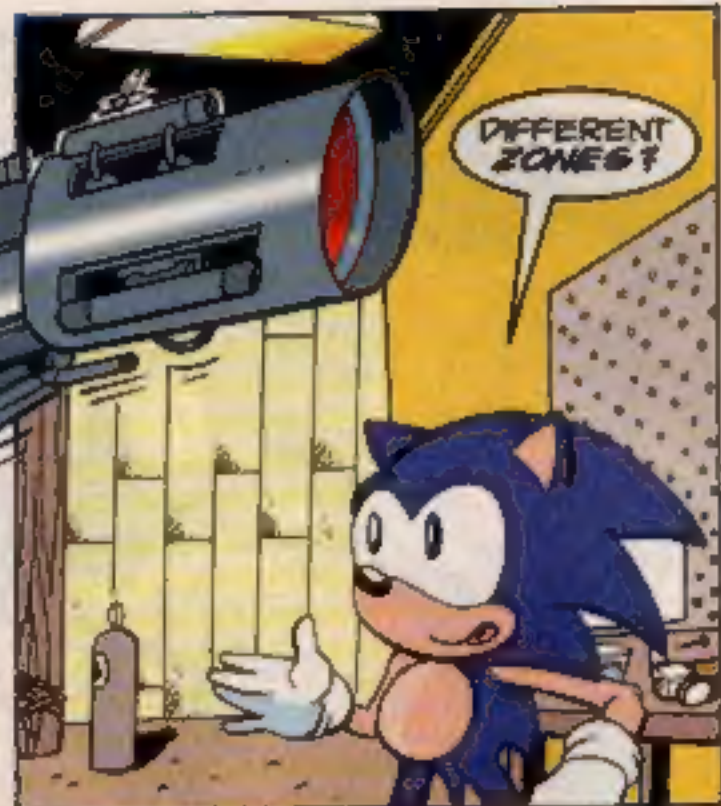
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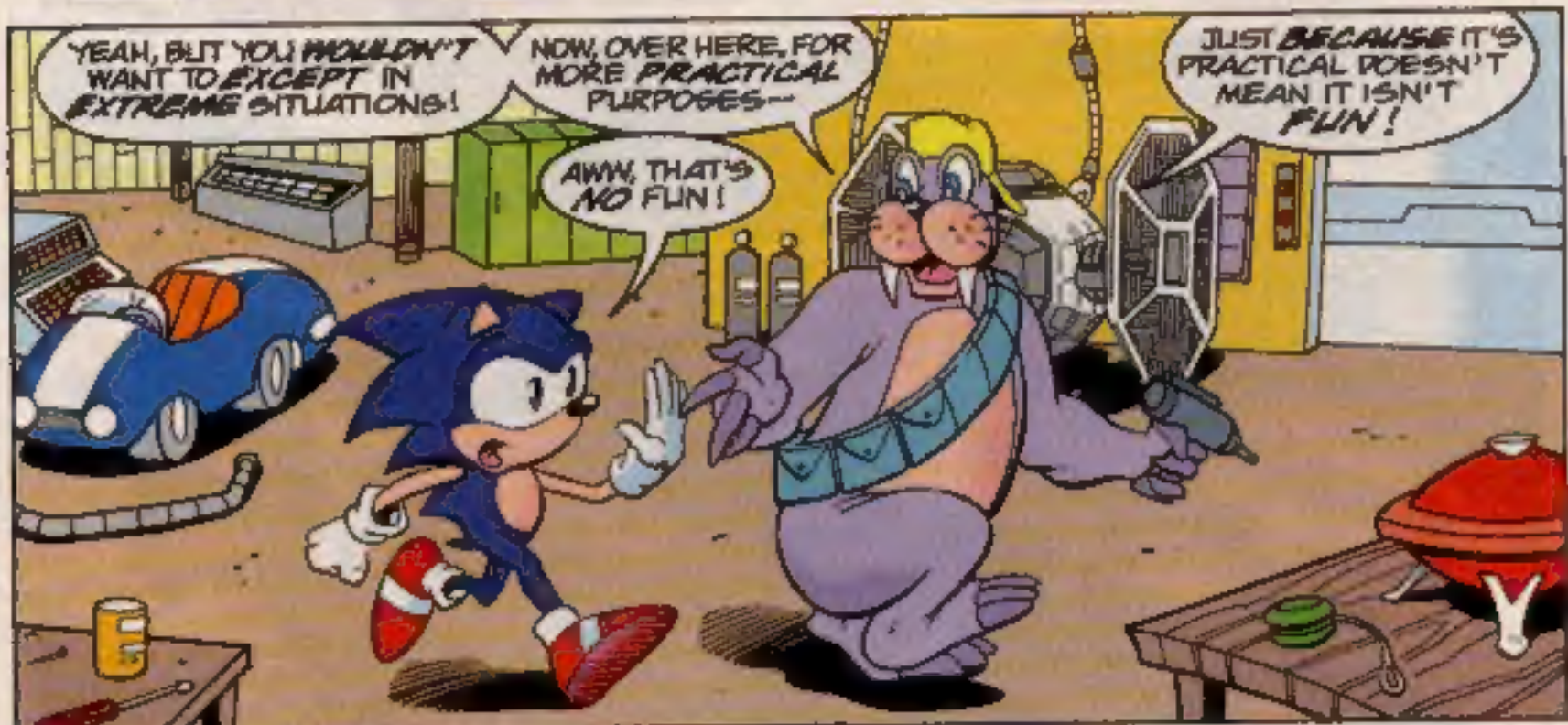
ACTUALLY, IT'S
MY PARTY-HEARTY
QUADRA-SONIC
ROCK'N'ROLLER!



THIS THING'LL BLOW
THROUGH DOORS, WALLS,
IMPENETRABLE BARRIERS,
YOU NAME IT!



DIFFERENT
ZONES?

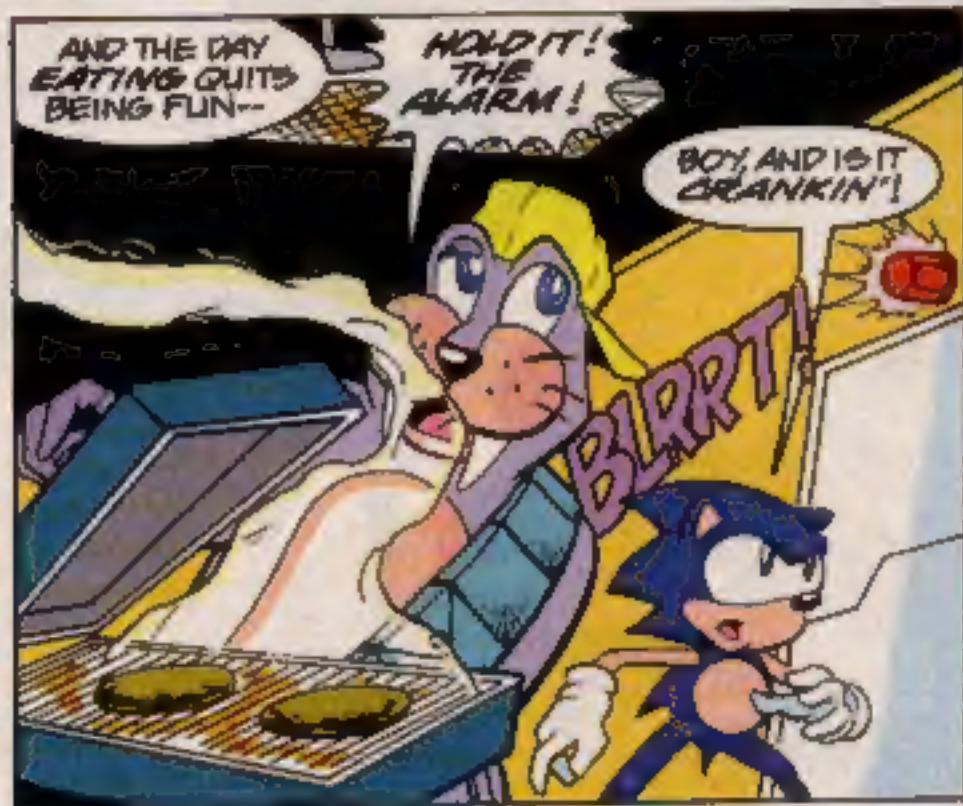


YEAH, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T
WANT TO EXCEPT IN
EXTREME SITUATIONS!

NOW, OVER HERE, FOR
MORE PRACTICAL
PURPOSES—

AWW, THAT'S
NO FUN!

JUST BECAUSE IT'S
PRACTICAL DOESN'T
MEAN IT ISN'T
FUN!



AND THE DAY
EATING QUITS
BEING FUN—

HOLD IT!
THE
ALARM!

BOY, AND IS IT
CRANKIN'!

BLRRRT!



LET'S SEE WHAT
THE BOARD
SAYS!

MAYBE SOMEBODY
TRIPPED OVER A
LOST SWATBOT!

IT'S WORSE THAN THAT

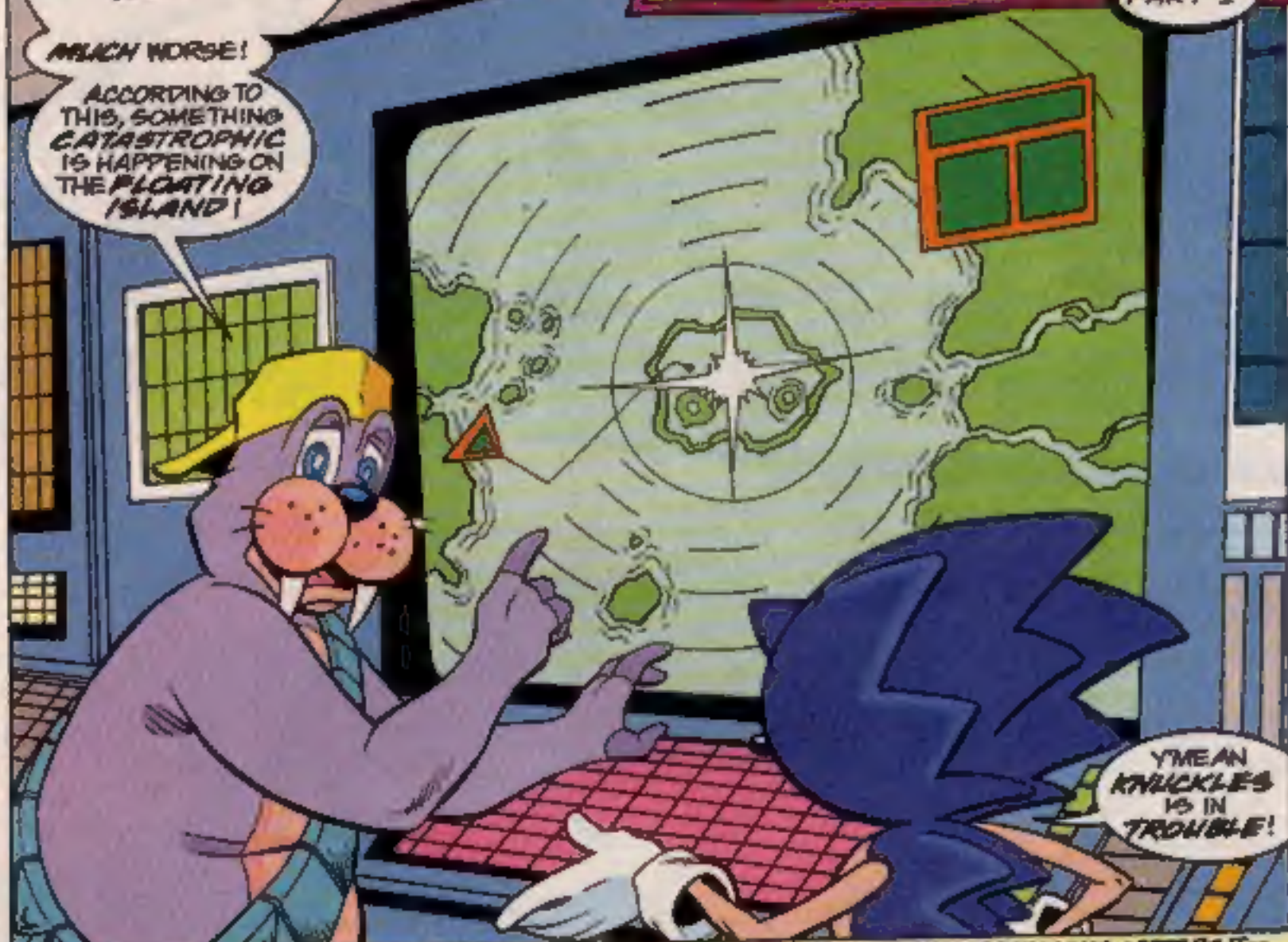
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MUCH WORSE!

ACCORDING TO THIS, SOMETHING CATASTROPHIC IS HAPPENING ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

BLACK AND BLUE AND RED ALL OVER

PART I



KEN PETERS WRITES IT—MANNY GALAN PENCILS IT—ANDREW PEROVINKS IT—VICKIE WILLIAMS LETTERS IT—BARRY GROSSMAN COLORS IT—JUSTIN FREEDY GARBIE EDITS IT—VICTOR GORELICK MING EDITOR—RICHARD GOLDWATER CHIEF

WELL, THAT'S ONE WAY OF PUTTING IT, SONIC!

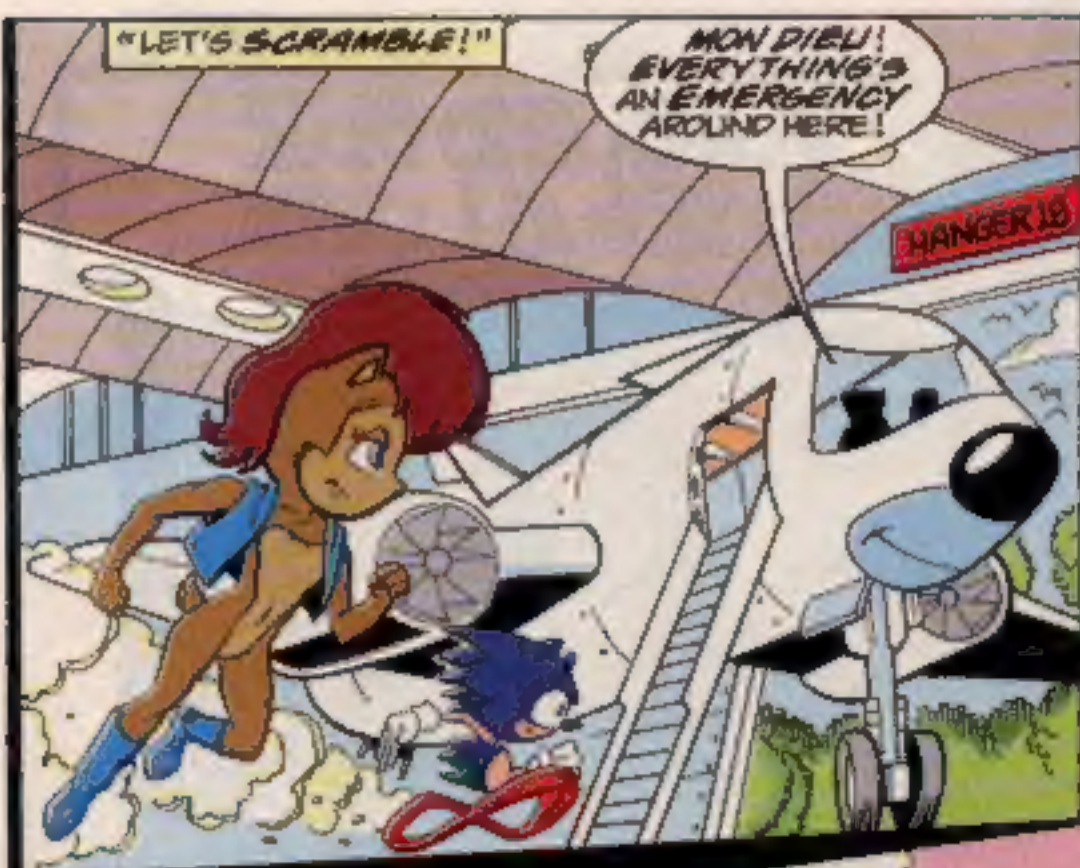
I'D BETTER ALERT THE PRINCESS!

NO NEED, ROTOR! I'M ALREADY HERE!

ALRIGHT, EVERYONE—



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"LET'S SCRAMBLE!"

MON DIEU!
EVERYTHING'S
AN EMERGENCY
AROUND HERE!

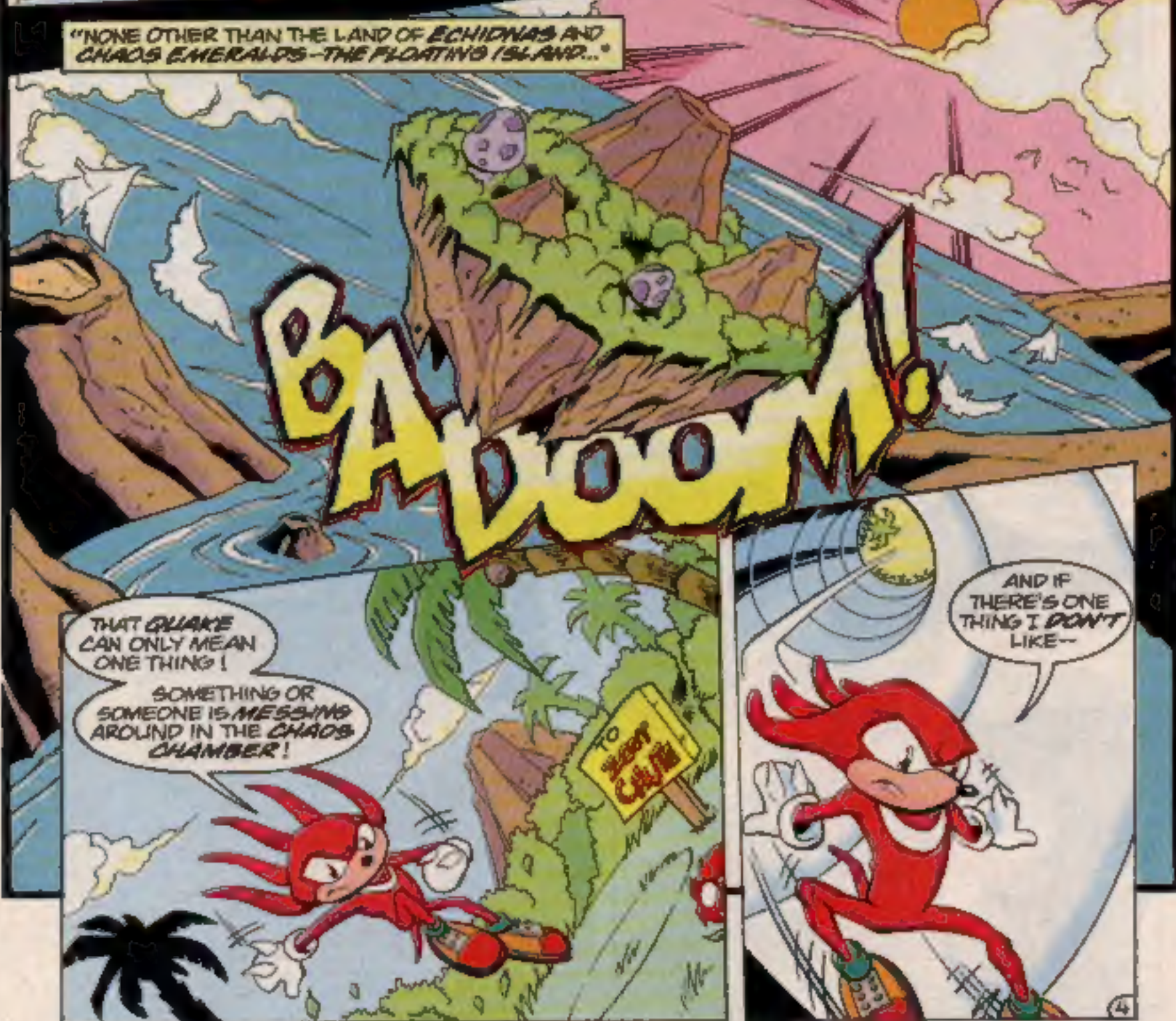
HANGER 18



DOESN'T ANYONE KNOW HOW TO
RELAX ON ZERE DAY OFF?

WHERE TO
Z/5 TIME?

"NONE OTHER THAN THE LAND OF ECHIDNAS AND
CHAOS EMERALDS—THE FLOATING ISLAND..."



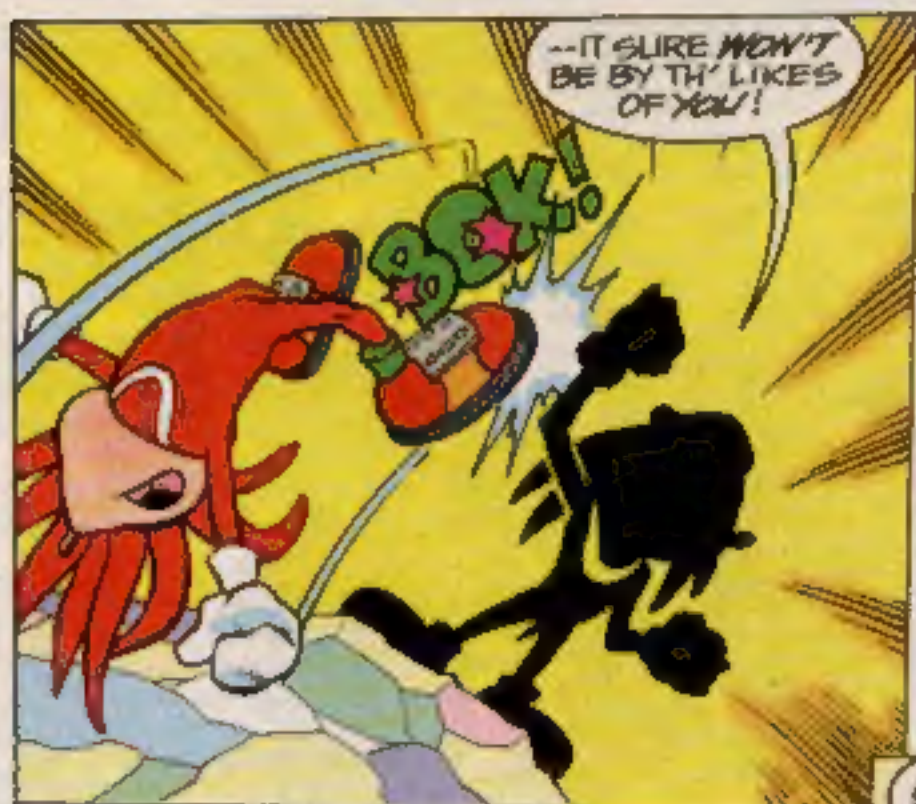
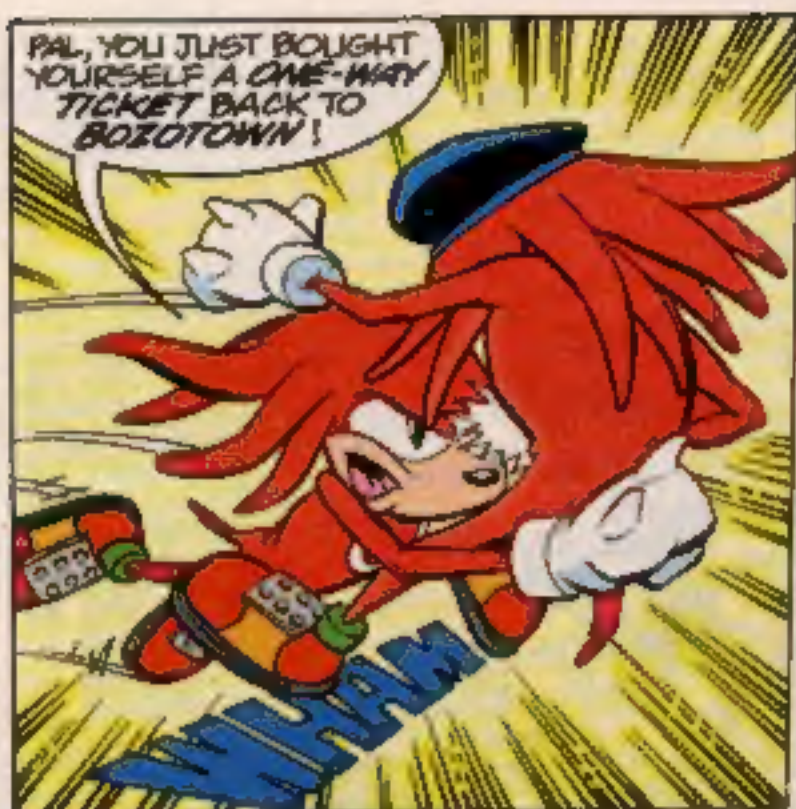
THAT QUAKE
CAN ONLY MEAN
ONE THING!

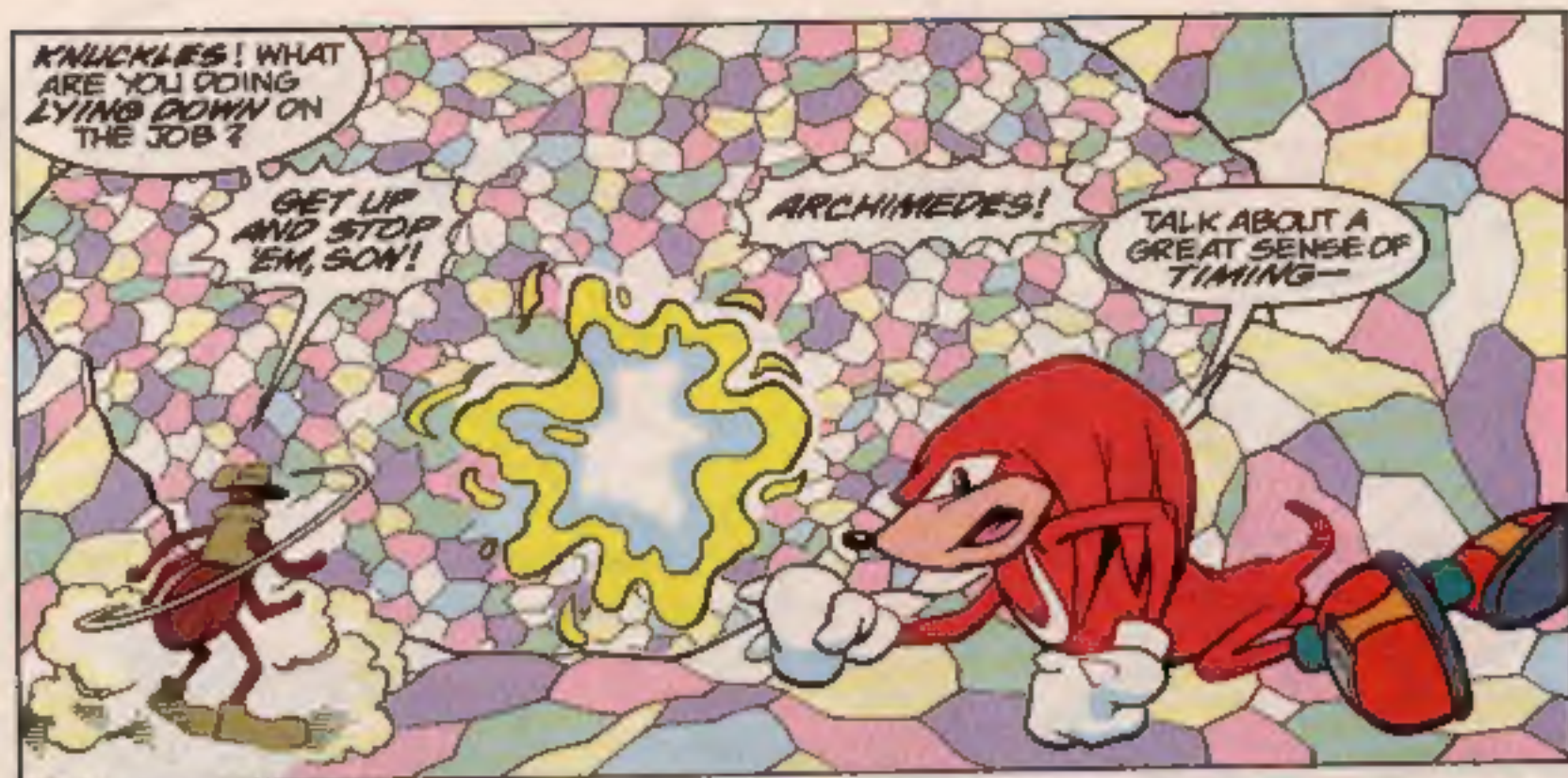
SOMETHING OR
SOMEONE IS MESSING
AROUND IN THE CHAOS
CHAMBER!

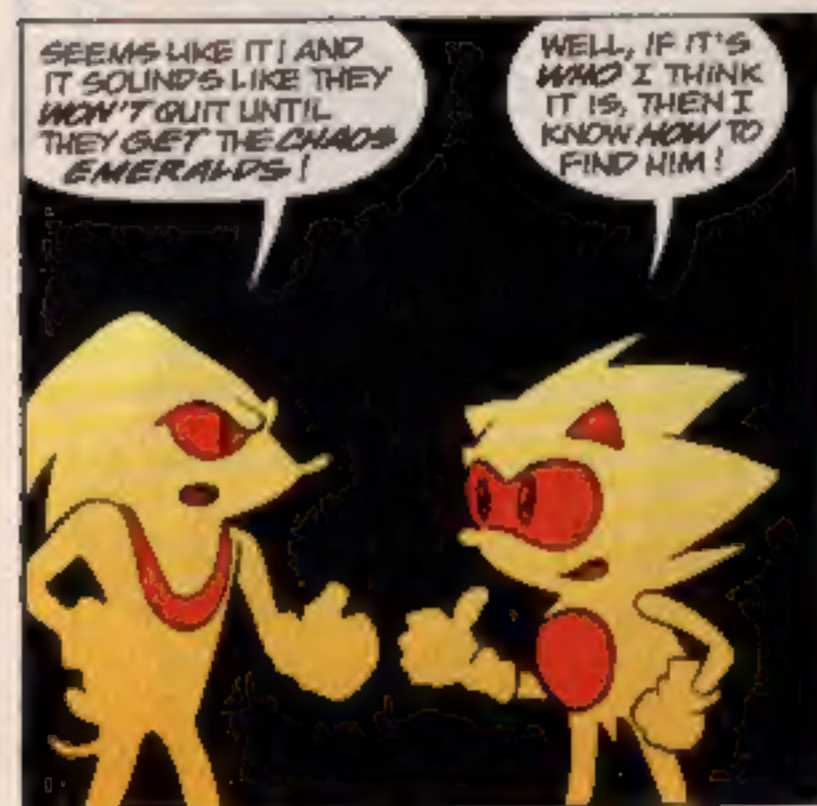
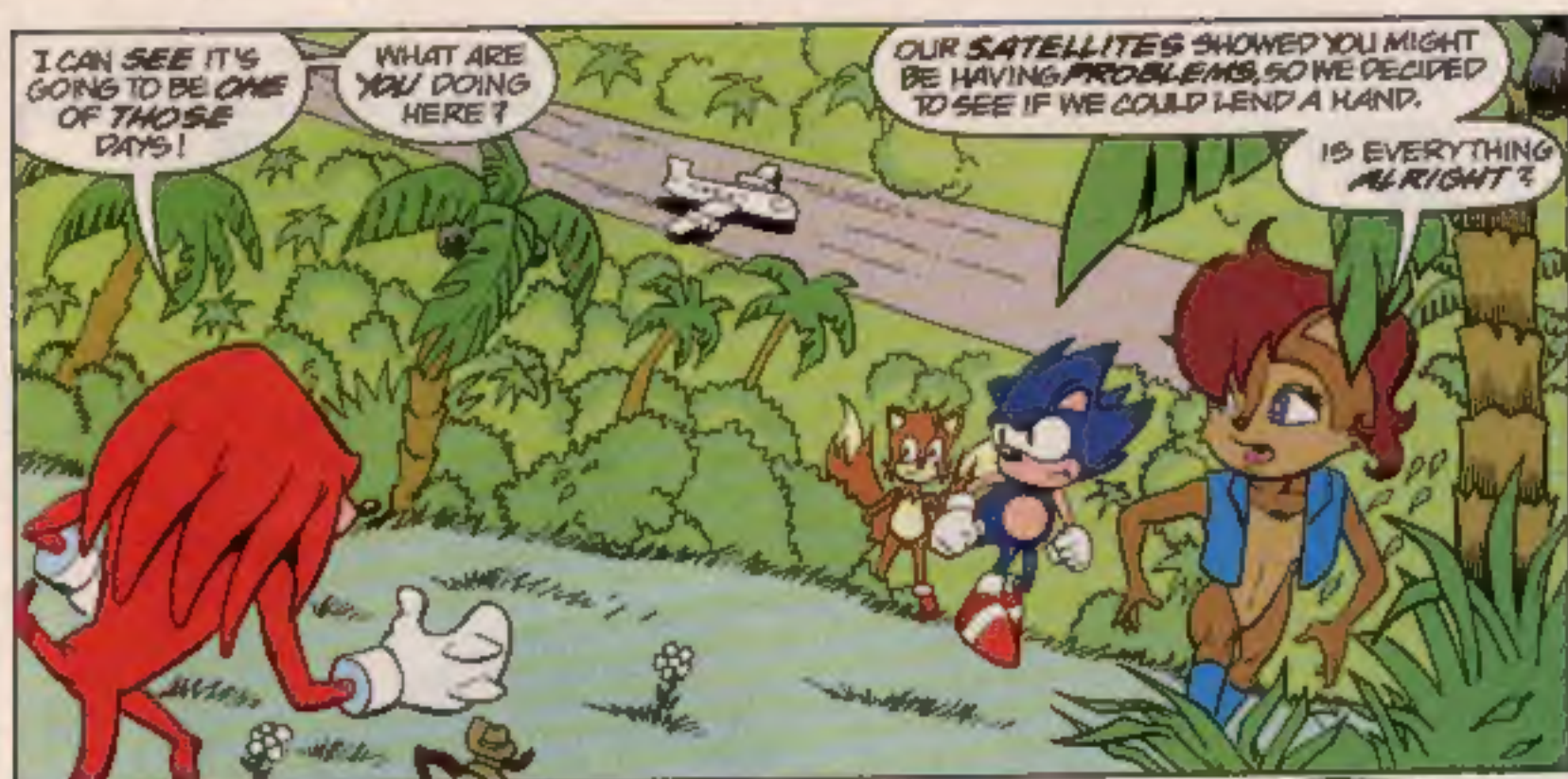
TO
SECT
CHAMBER

AND IF
THERE'S ONE
THING I DON'T
LIKE—









LOOK AT

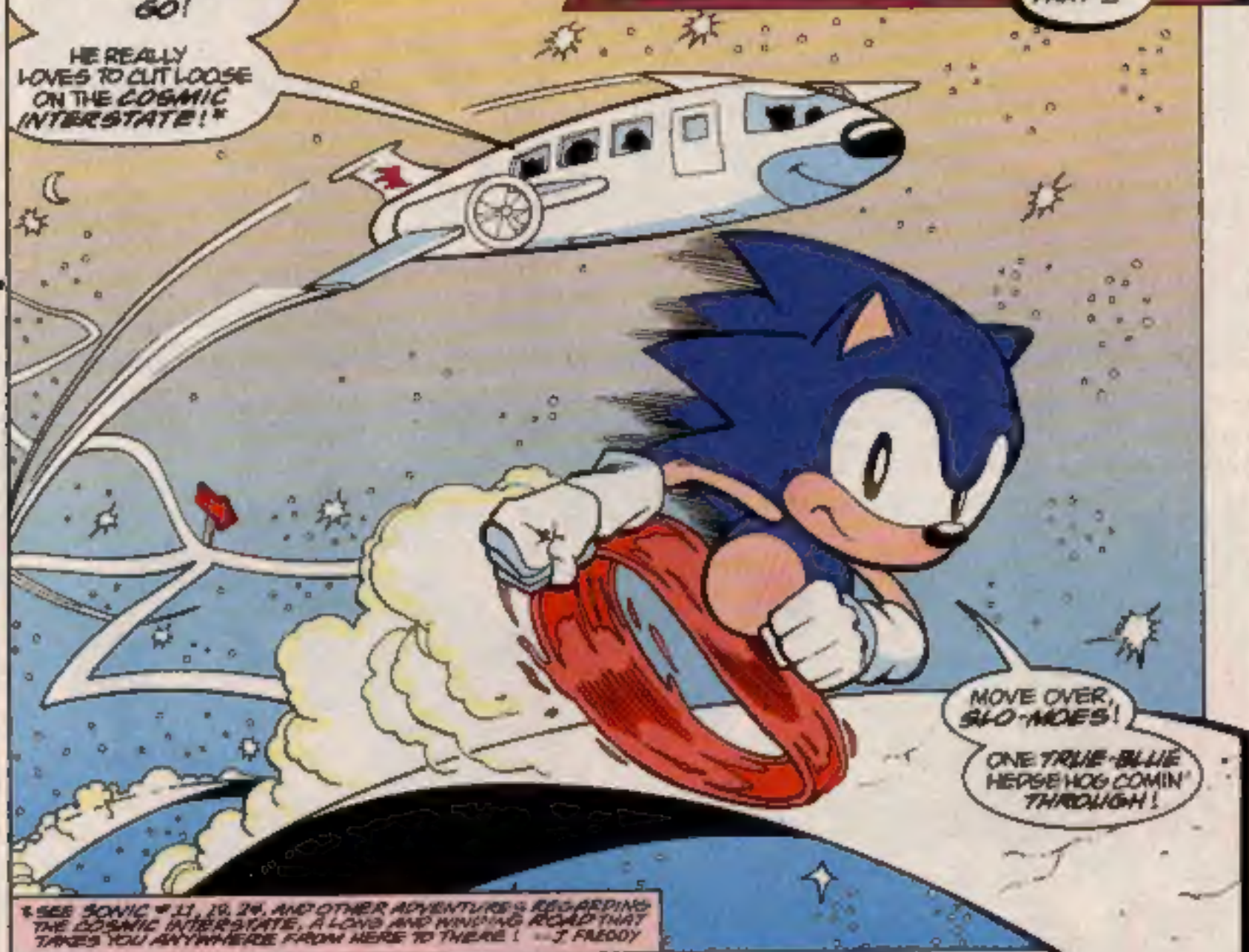
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GO!

HE REALLY
LOVES TO CUT LOOSE
ON THE COSMIC
INTERSTATE!*

BLACK AND BLUE AND RED ALL OVER

PART II



MOVE OVER,
SLO-MOES!

ONE TRUE-BLUE
HEDGEHOG COMIN'
THROUGH!

*SEE SONIC #11, 19, 24, AND OTHER ADVENTURES REGARDING
THE COSMIC INTERSTATE, A LONG AND WINDING ROAD THAT
TAKES YOU ANYWHERE FROM HERE TO THERE! -- J. FREDDY



HE DOESN'T
KNOW, DOES
HE?

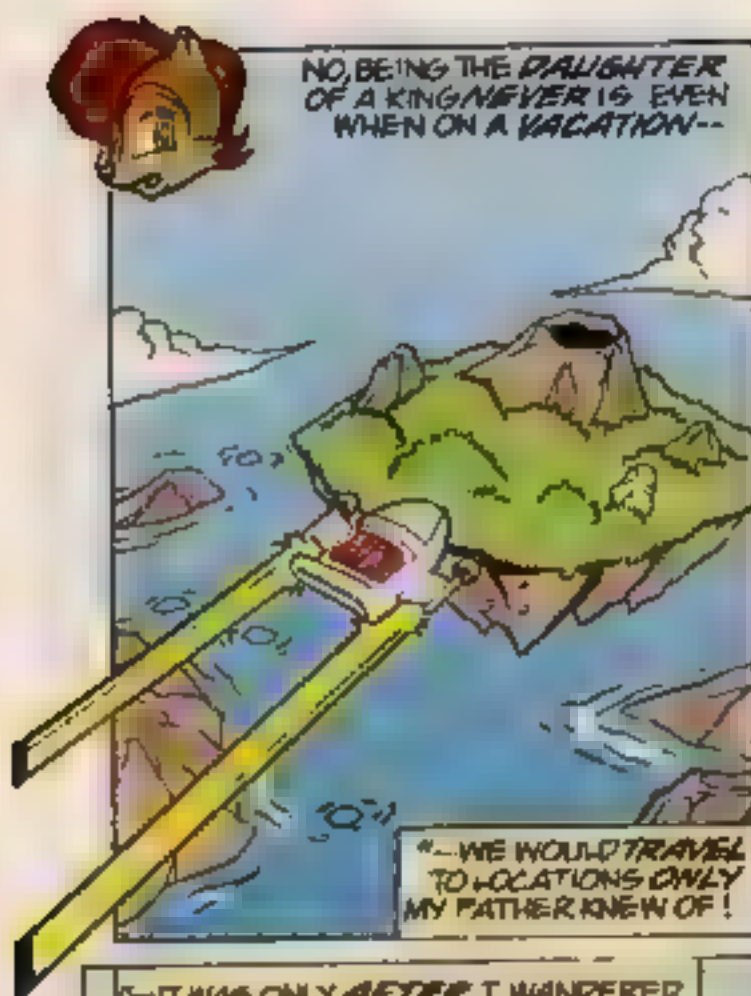
KNOW
WHAT?

ABOUT YOUR
KNOWLEDGE OF
THE FLOATING
ISLAND--
OR US!



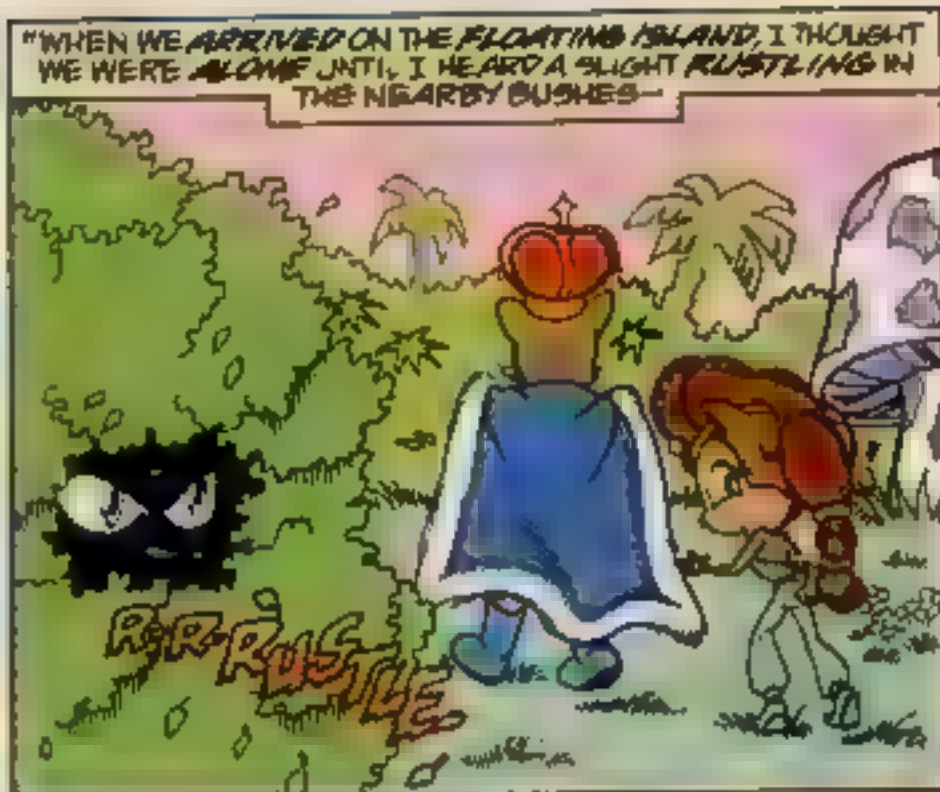
NO! I'VE PROTECTED
YOUR SECRET--ALONG
WITH SO MANY OTHERS!

IT'S NOT
EASY,
IS IT?

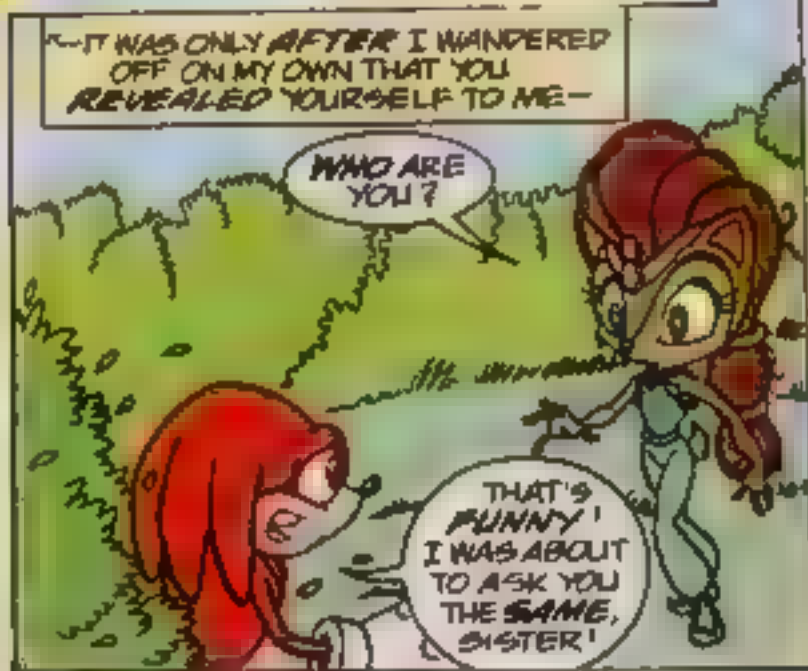


NO, BEING THE DAUGHTER OF A KING NEVER IS EVEN WHEN ON A VACATION--

"--WE WOULD TRAVEL TO LOCATIONS ONLY MY FATHER KNEW OF!



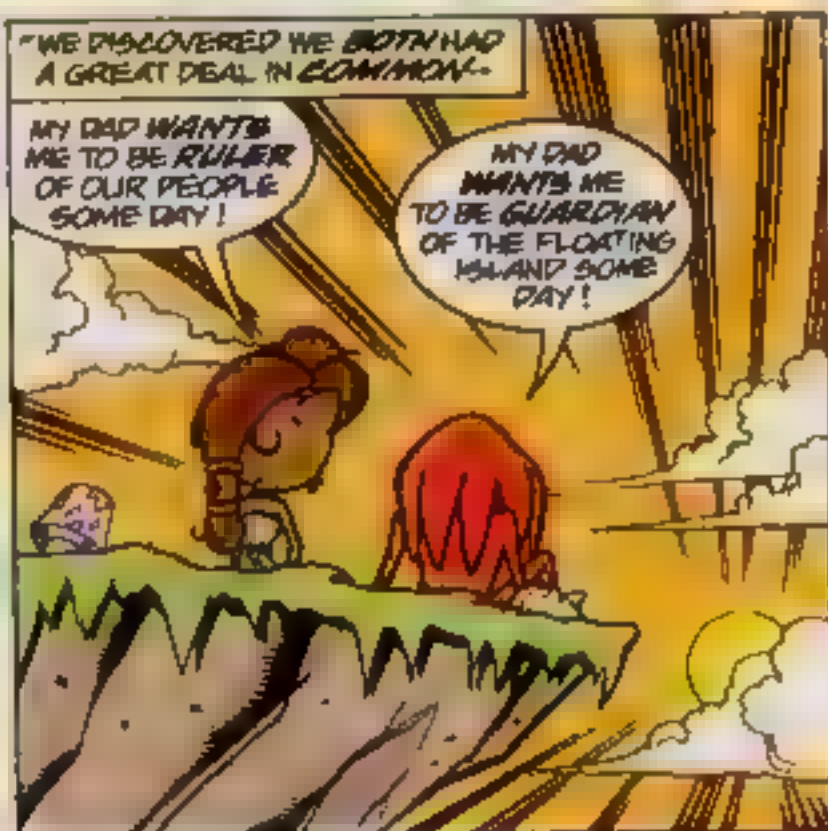
"WHEN WE ARRIVED ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, I THOUGHT WE WERE ALONE UNTIL I HEARD A SLIGHT RUSTLING IN THE NEARBY BUSHES--



"IT WAS ONLY AFTER I WANDERED OFF ON MY OWN THAT YOU REVEALED YOURSELF TO ME--

WHO ARE YOU?

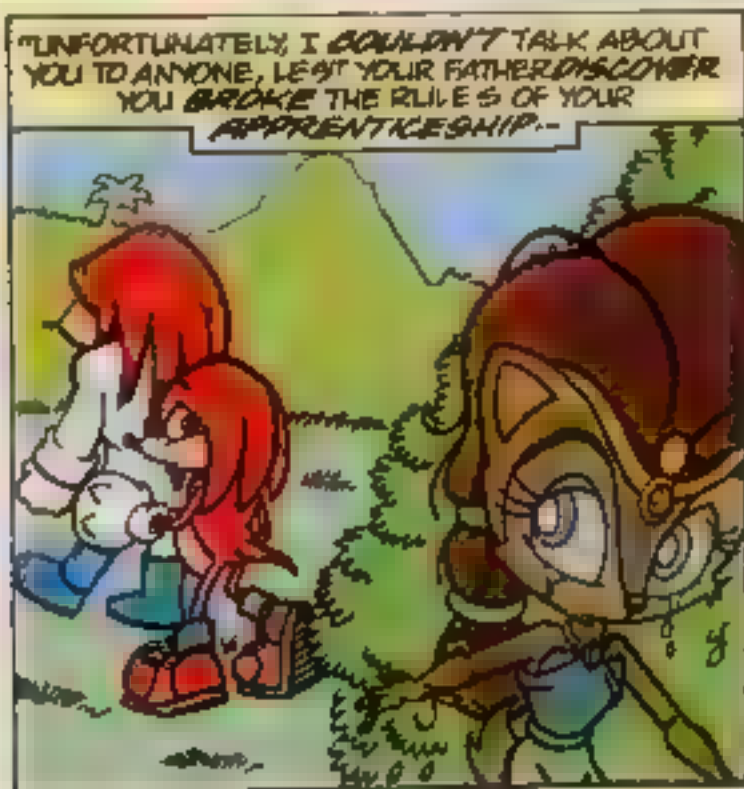
THAT'S FUNNY! I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME, SISTER!



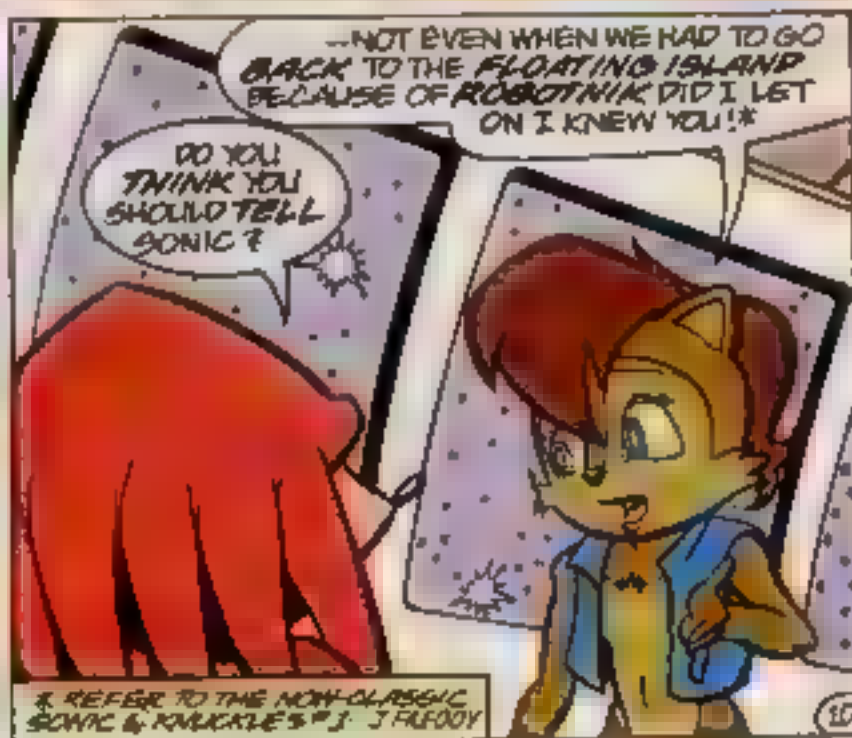
"WE DISCOVERED WE BOTH HAD A GREAT DEAL IN COMMON--

MY DAD WANTS ME TO BE RULER OF OUR PEOPLE SOME DAY!

MY DAD WANTS ME TO BE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND SOME DAY!



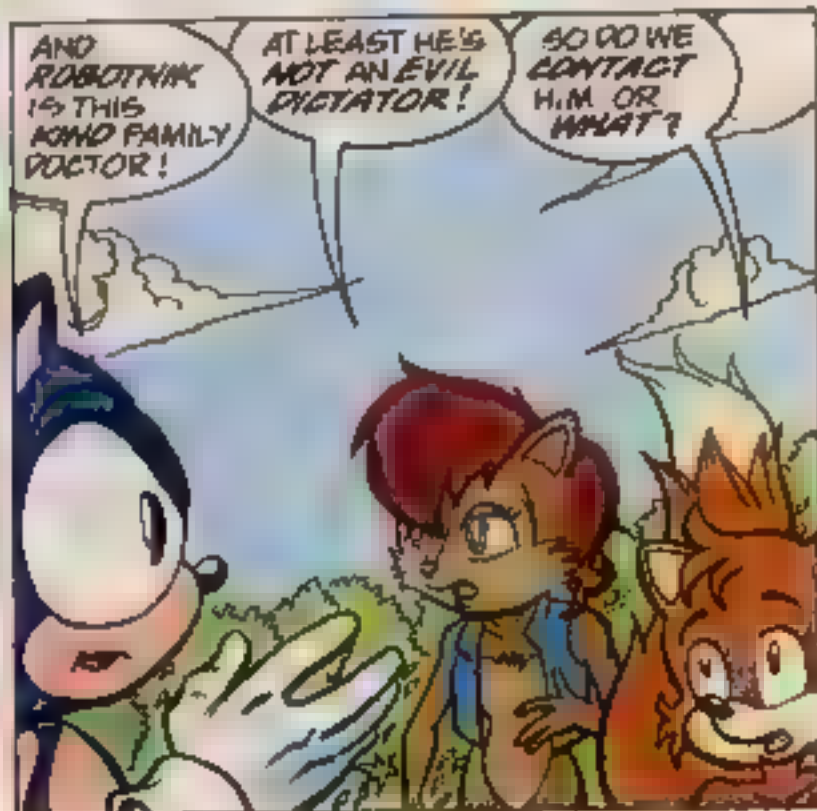
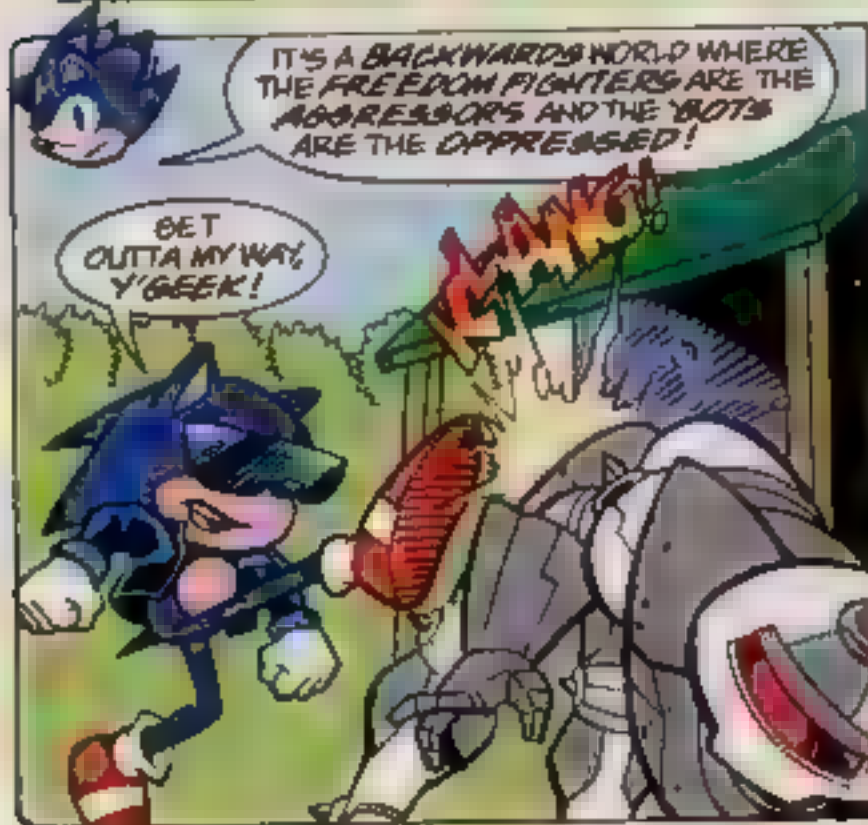
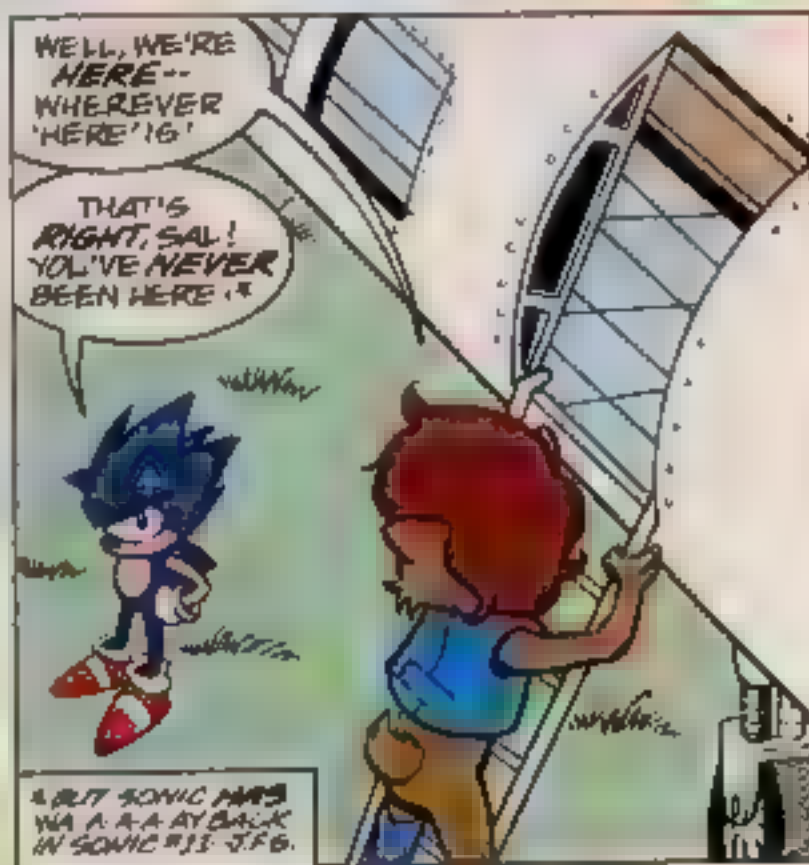
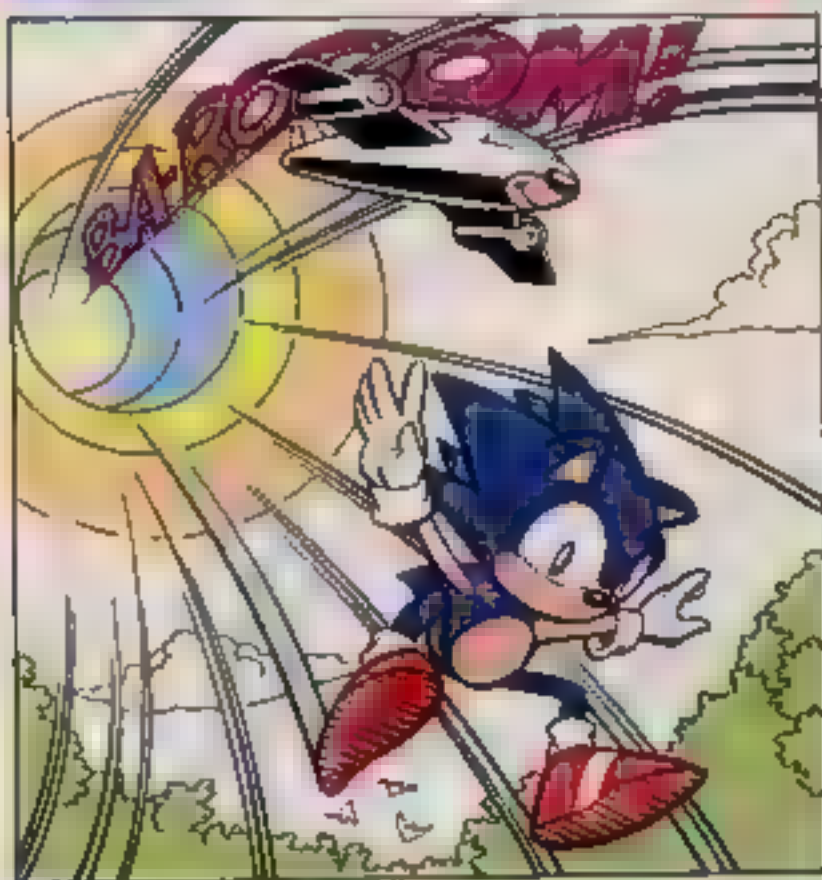
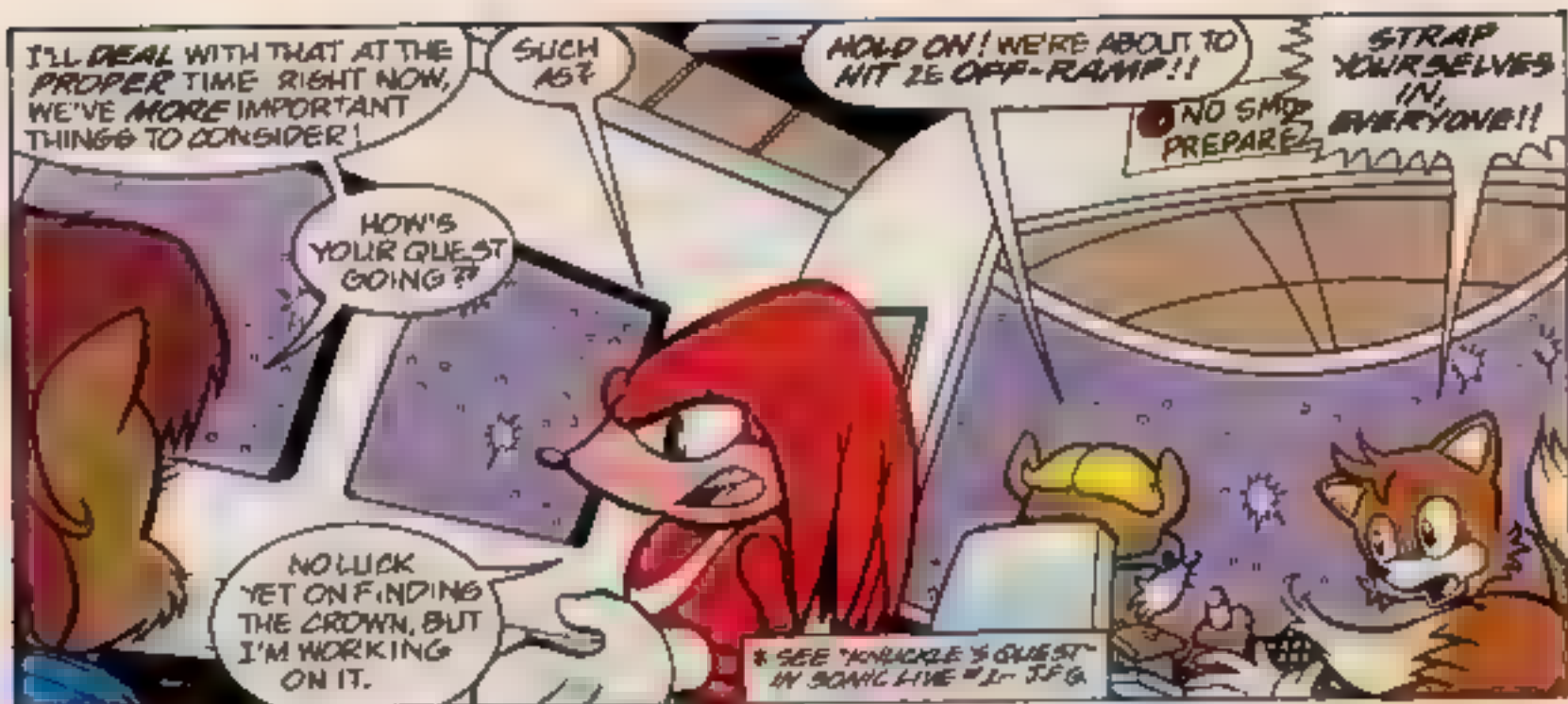
"UNFORTUNATELY, I COULDN'T TALK ABOUT YOU TO ANYONE, LEAST YOUR FATHER DISCOVER YOU BROKE THE RULES OF YOUR APPRENTICESHIP--

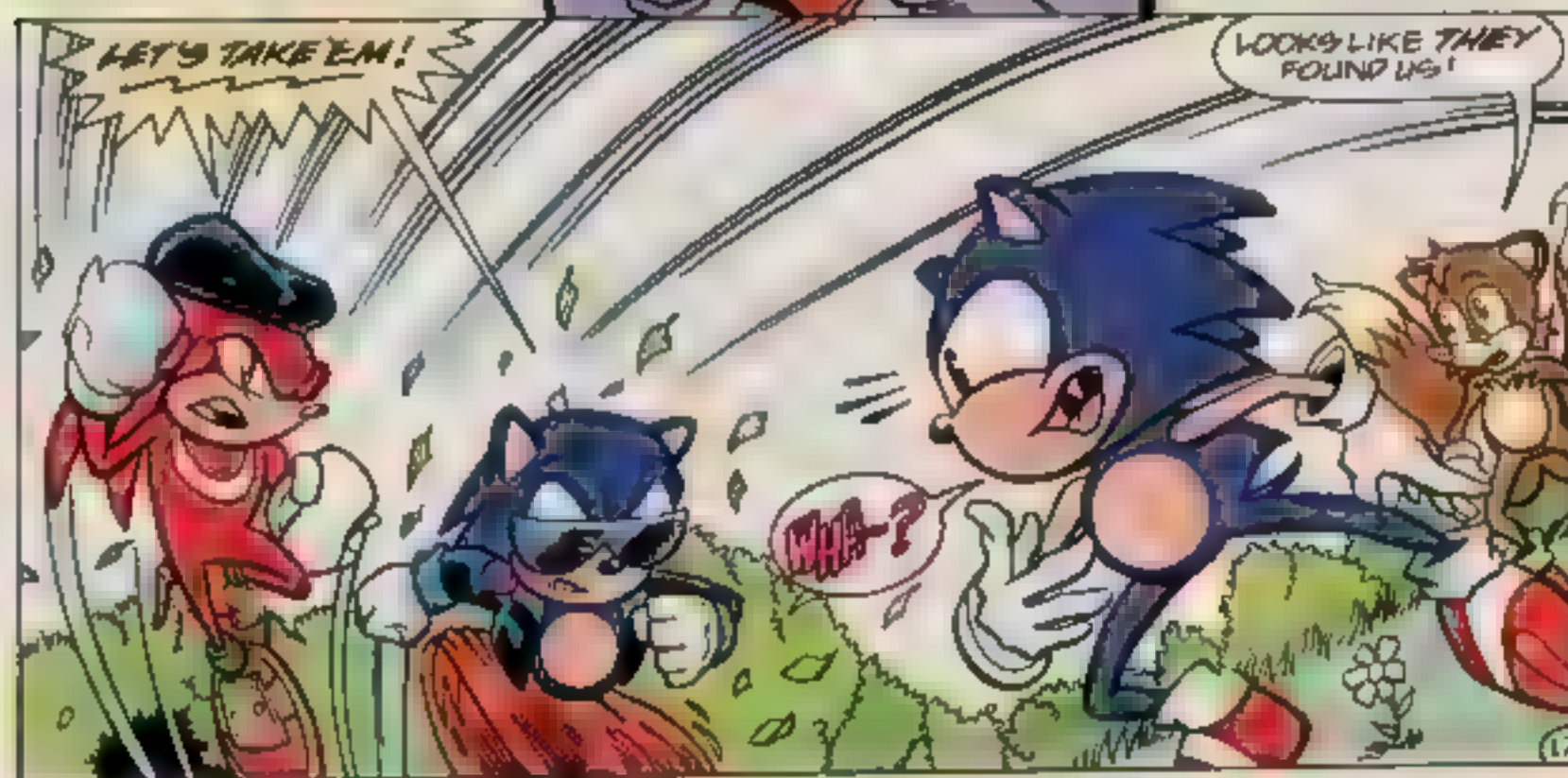
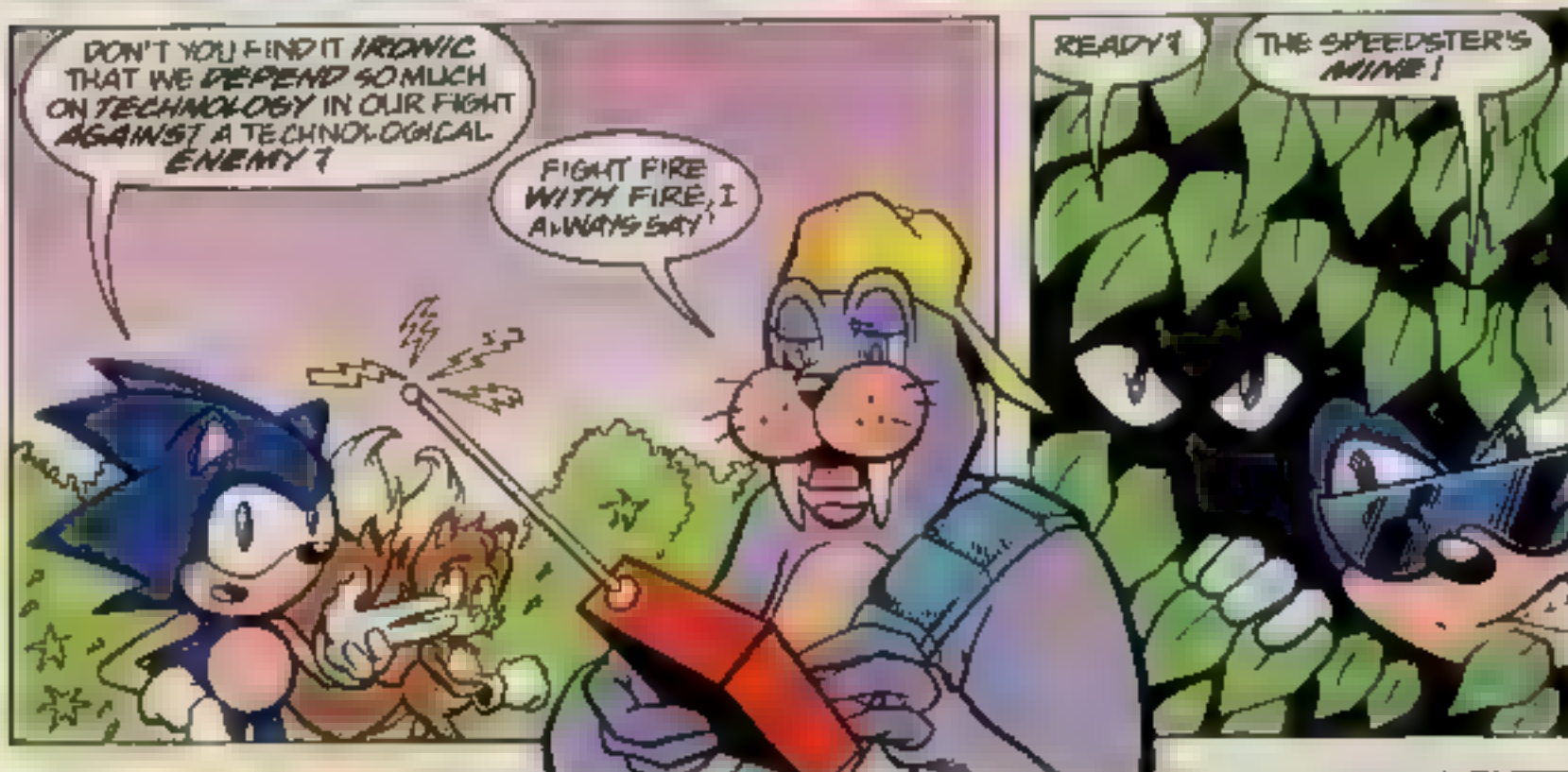
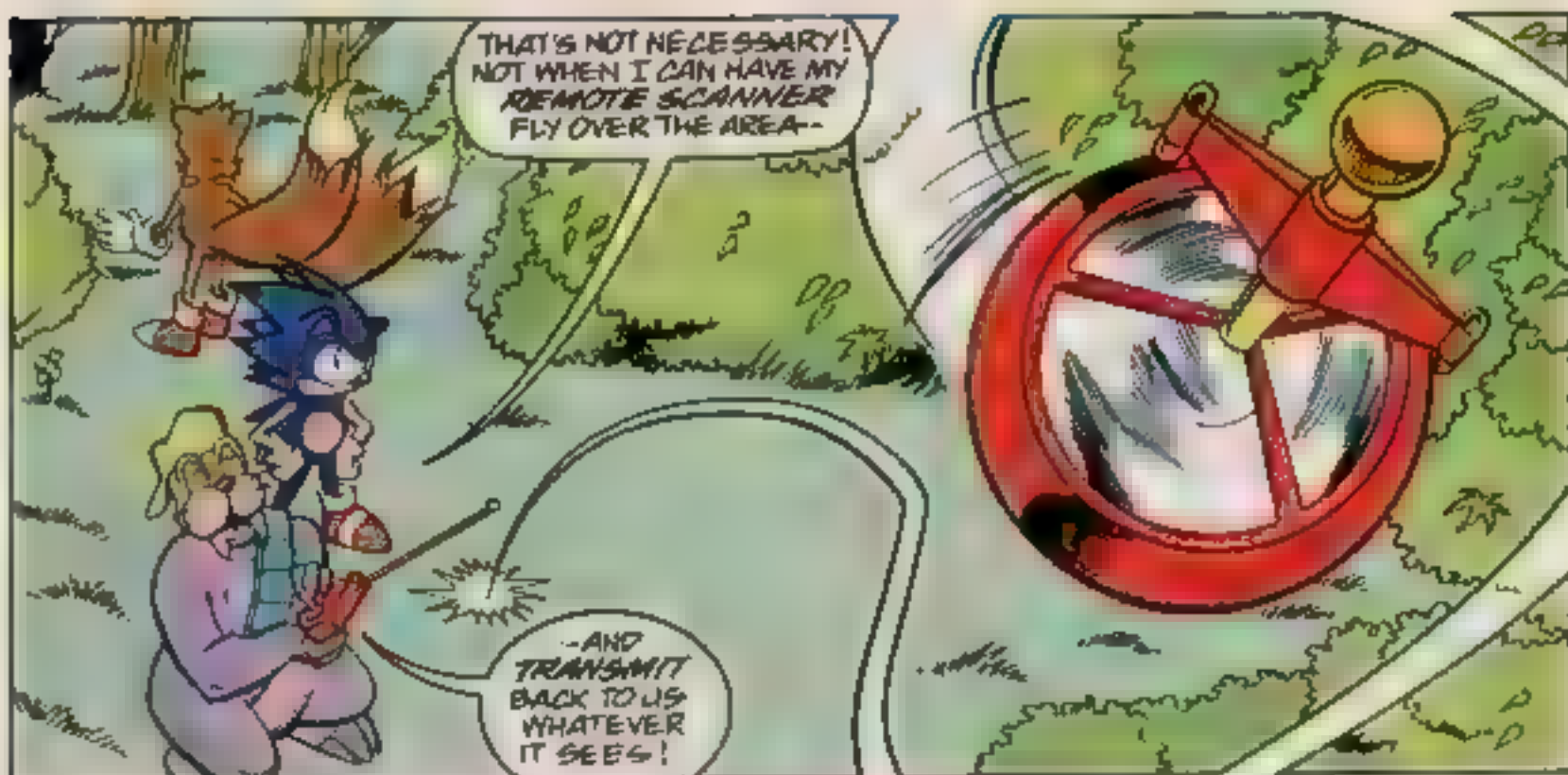


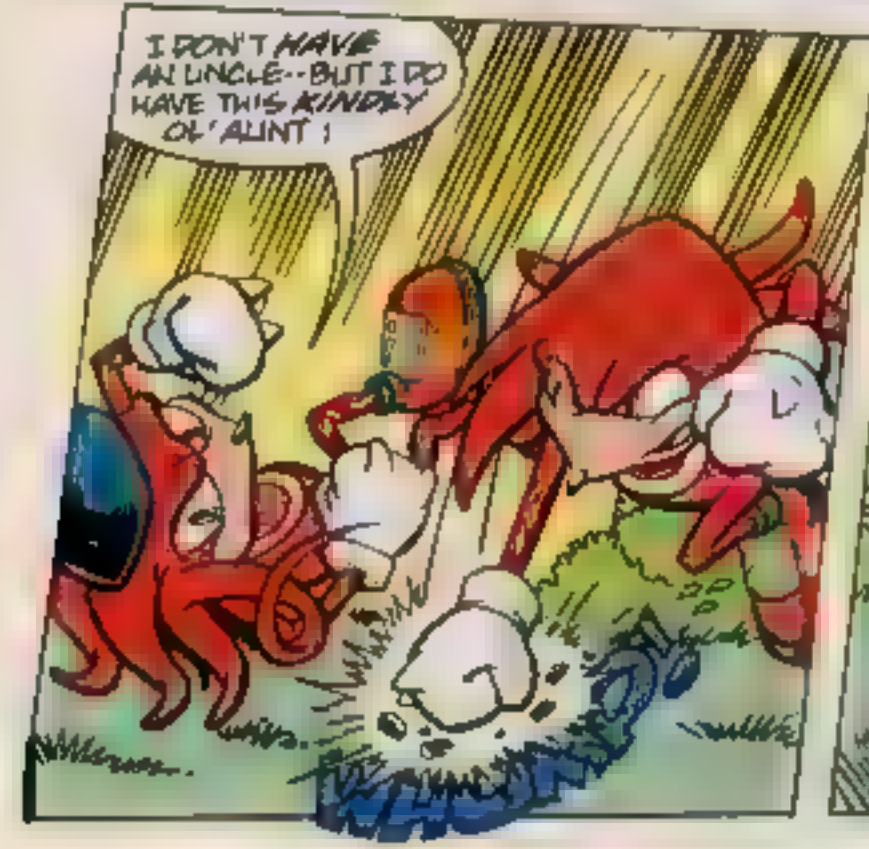
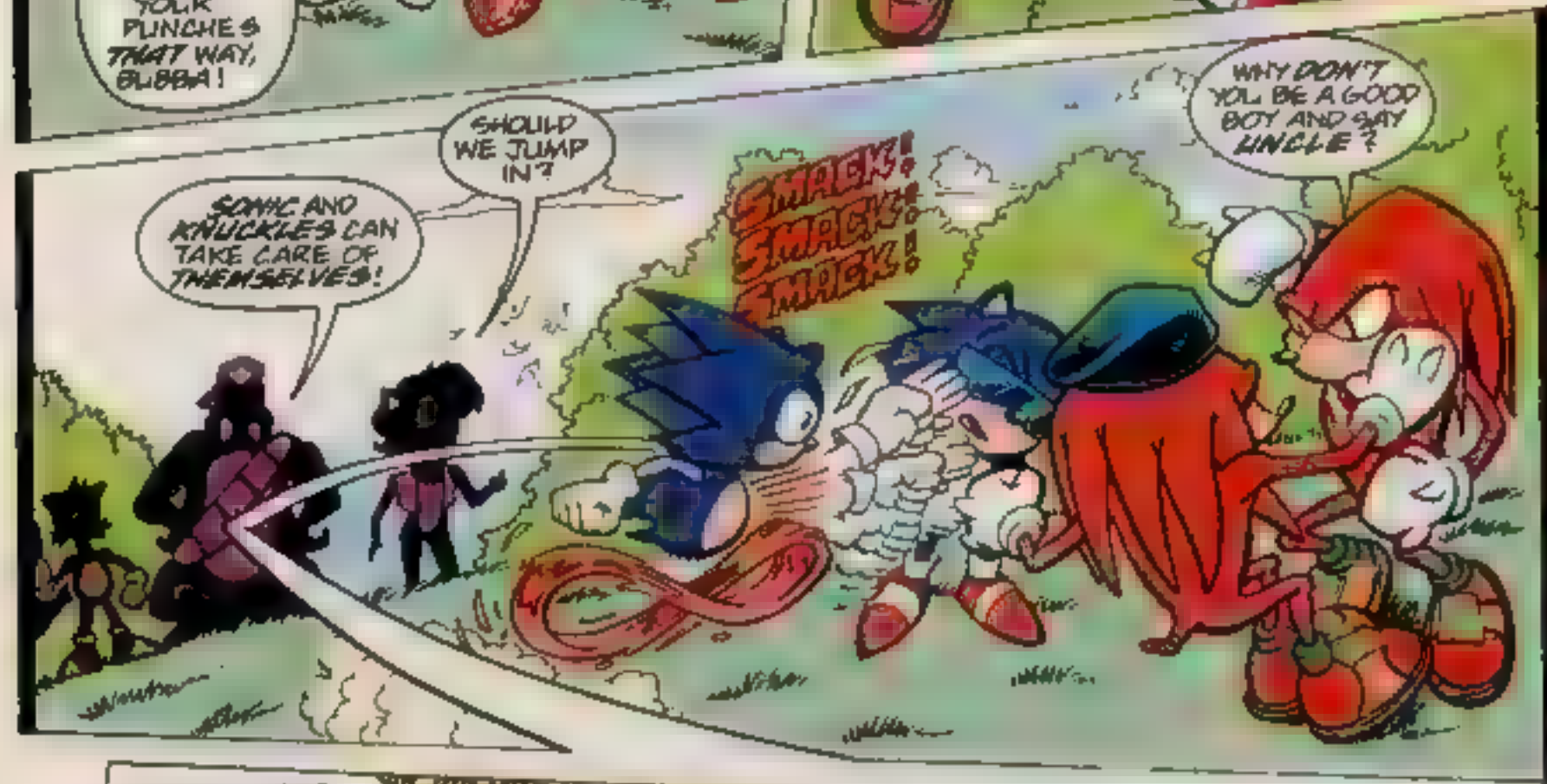
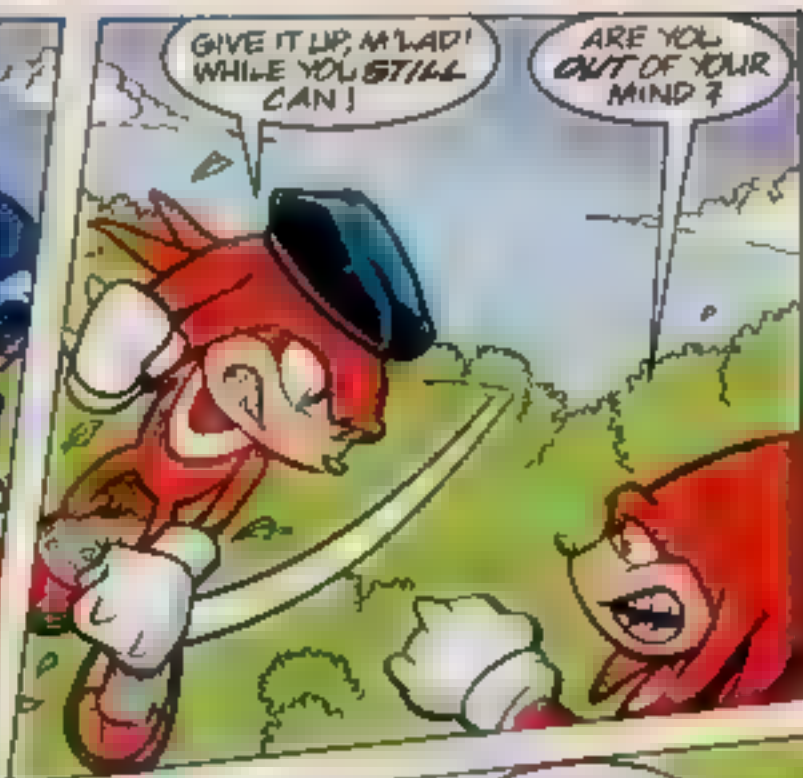
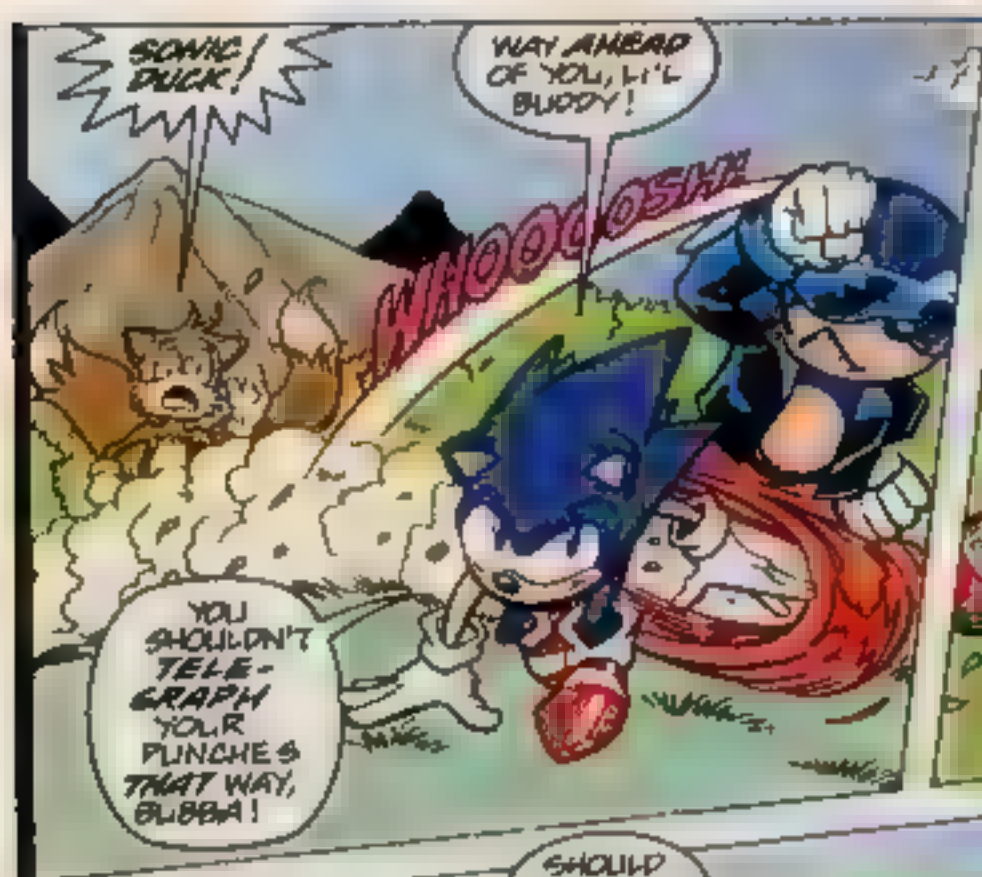
--NOT EVEN WHEN WE HAD TO GO BACK TO THE FLOATING ISLAND BECAUSE OF ROBOTNIK DID I LET ON I KNEW YOU!*

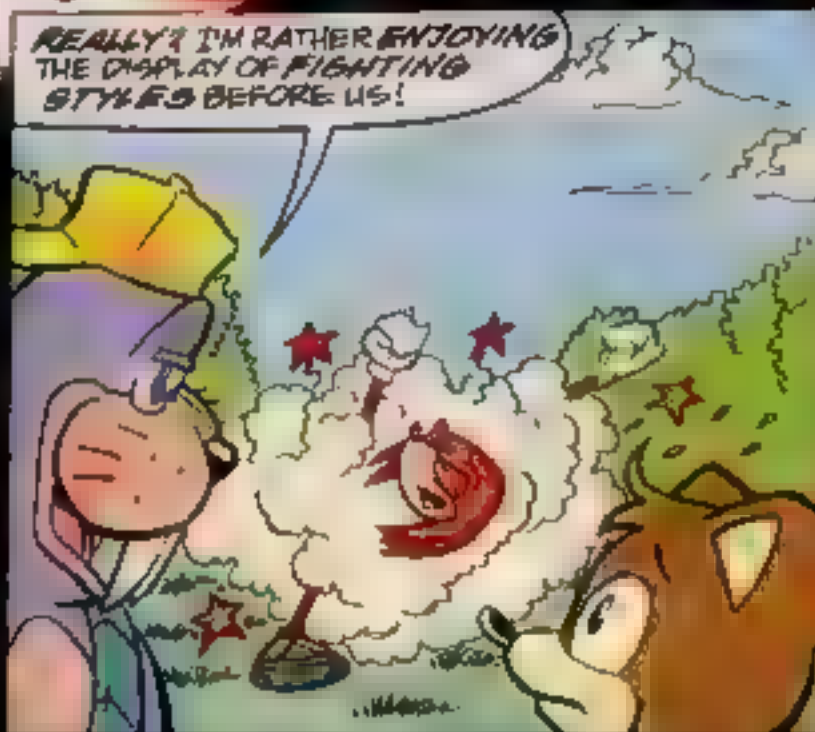
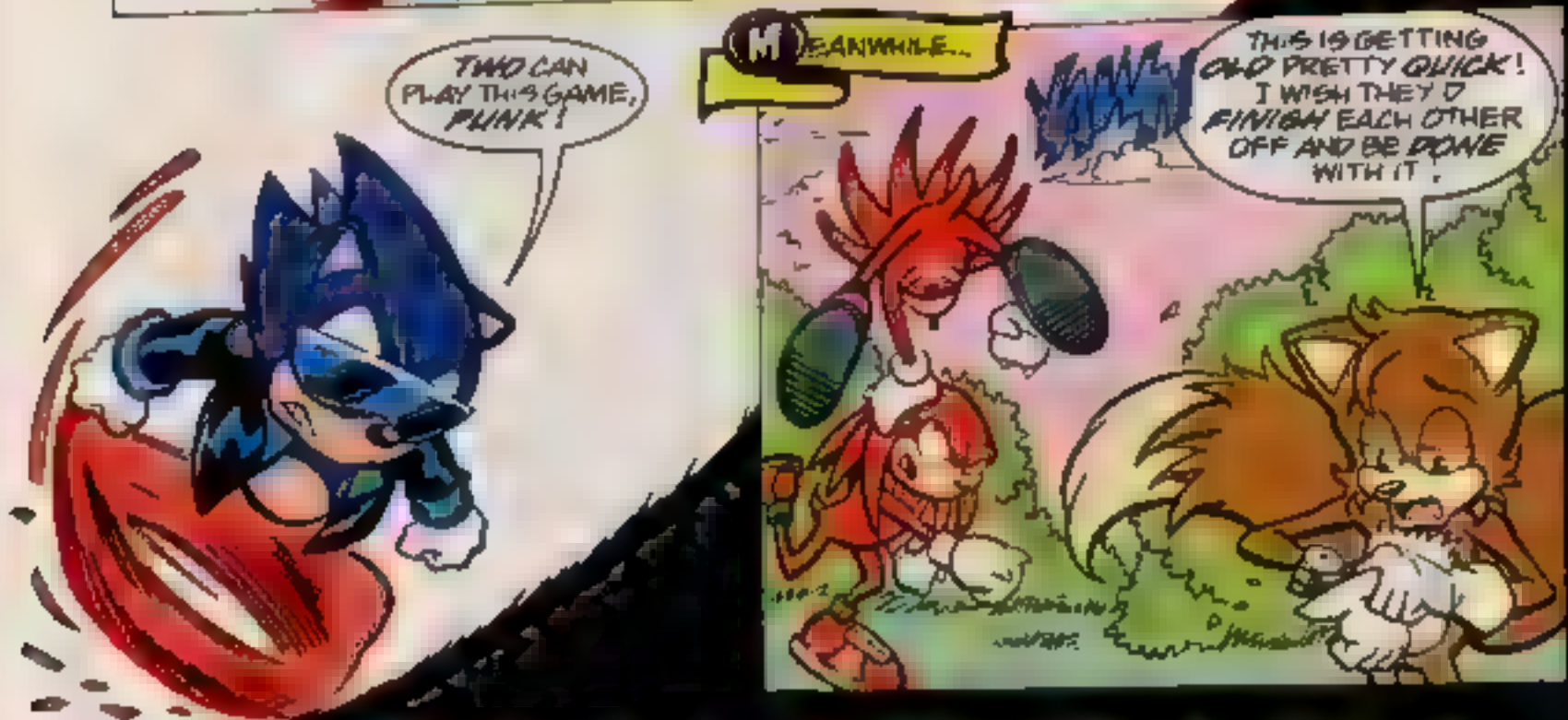
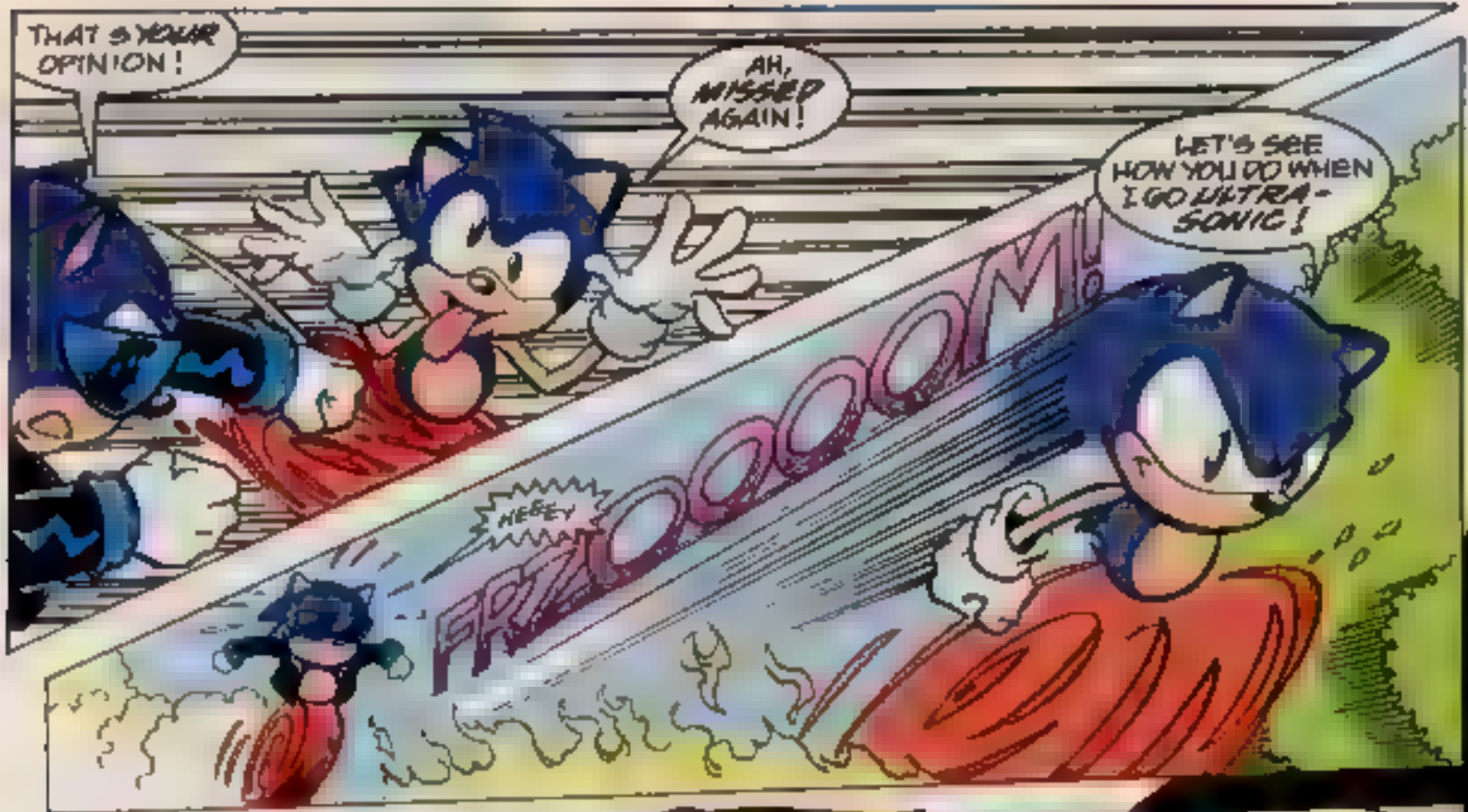
DO YOU THINK YOU SHOULD TELL SONIC?

*I REFER TO THE NOW-CLASSIC SONIC & KNUCKLE'S #1 J. J. FREDDY







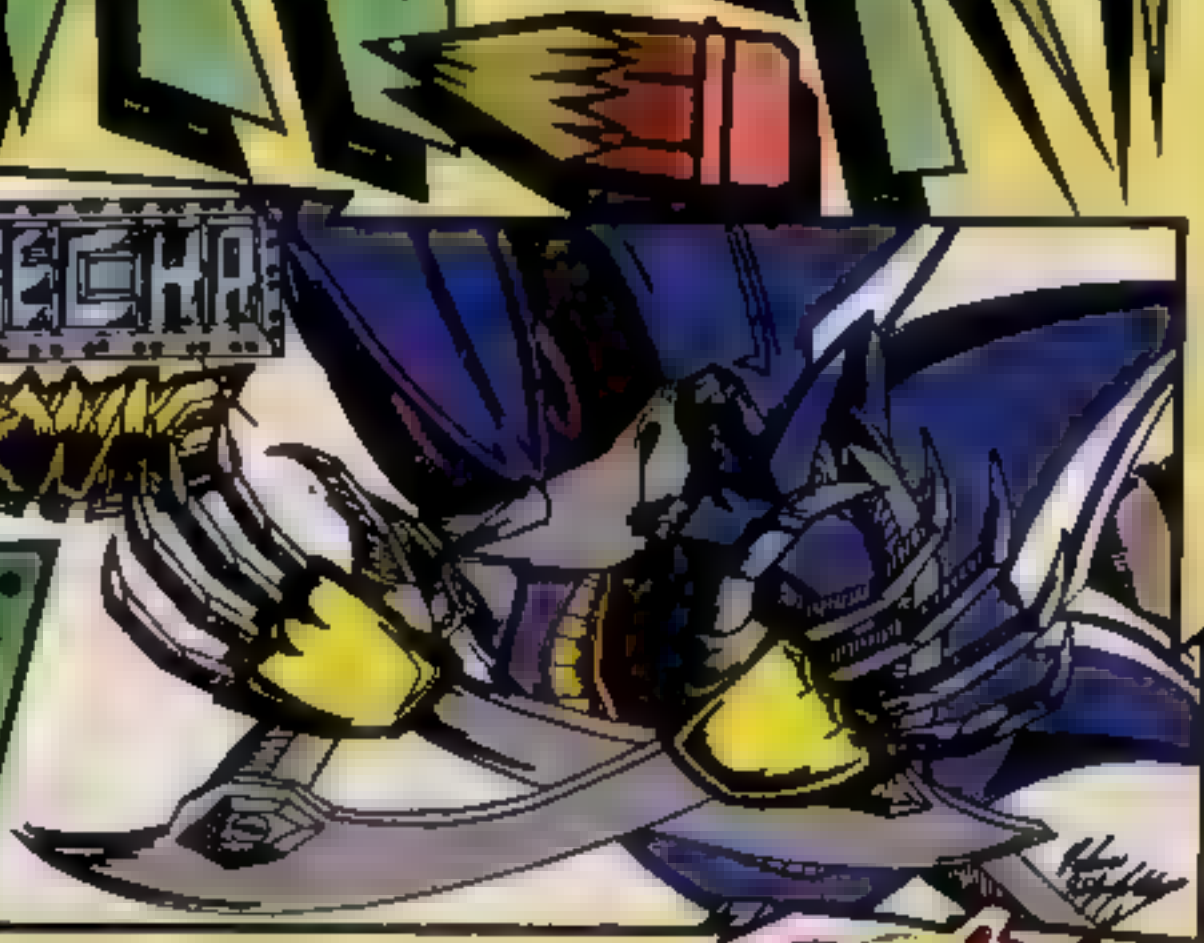


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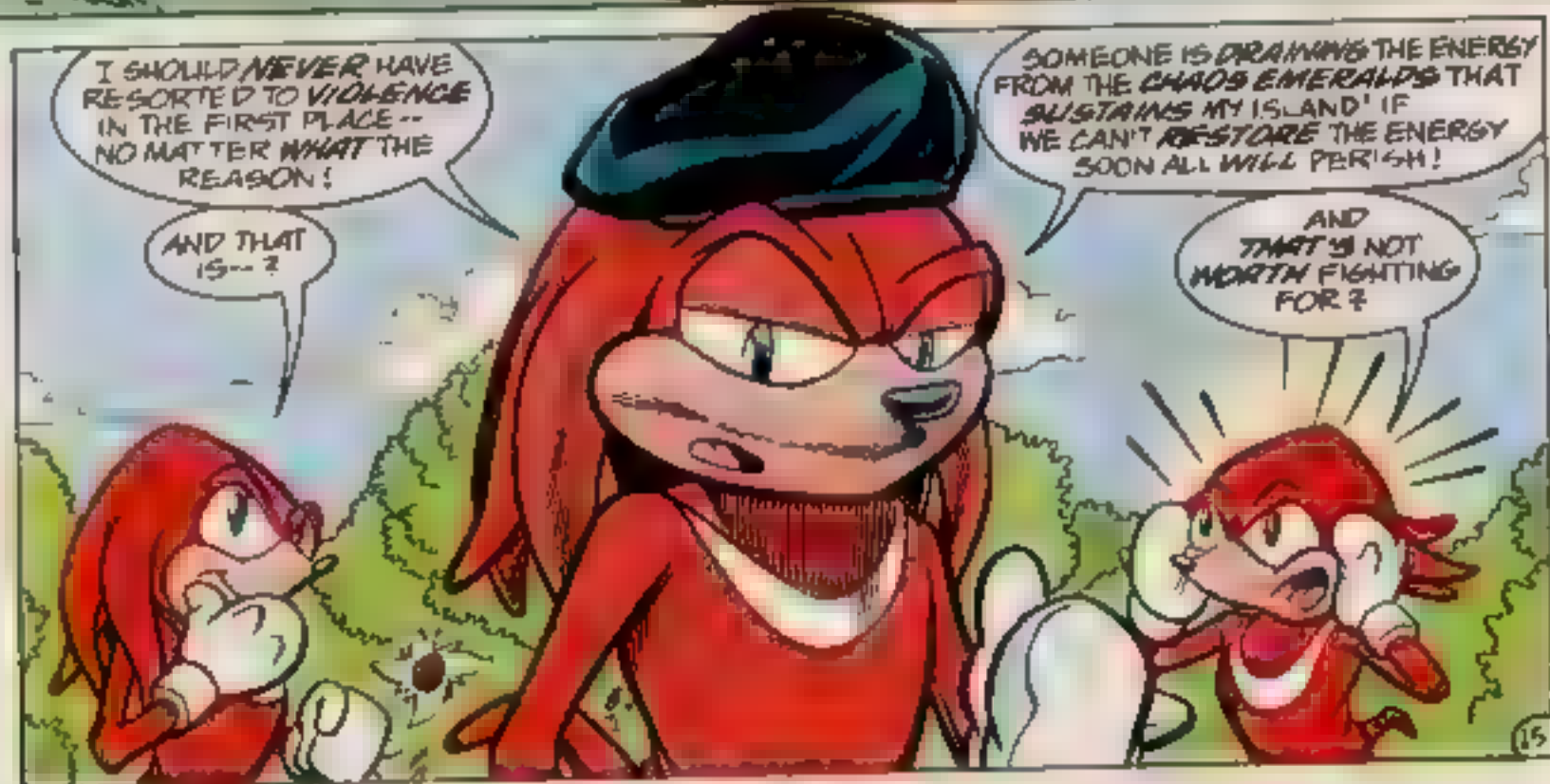
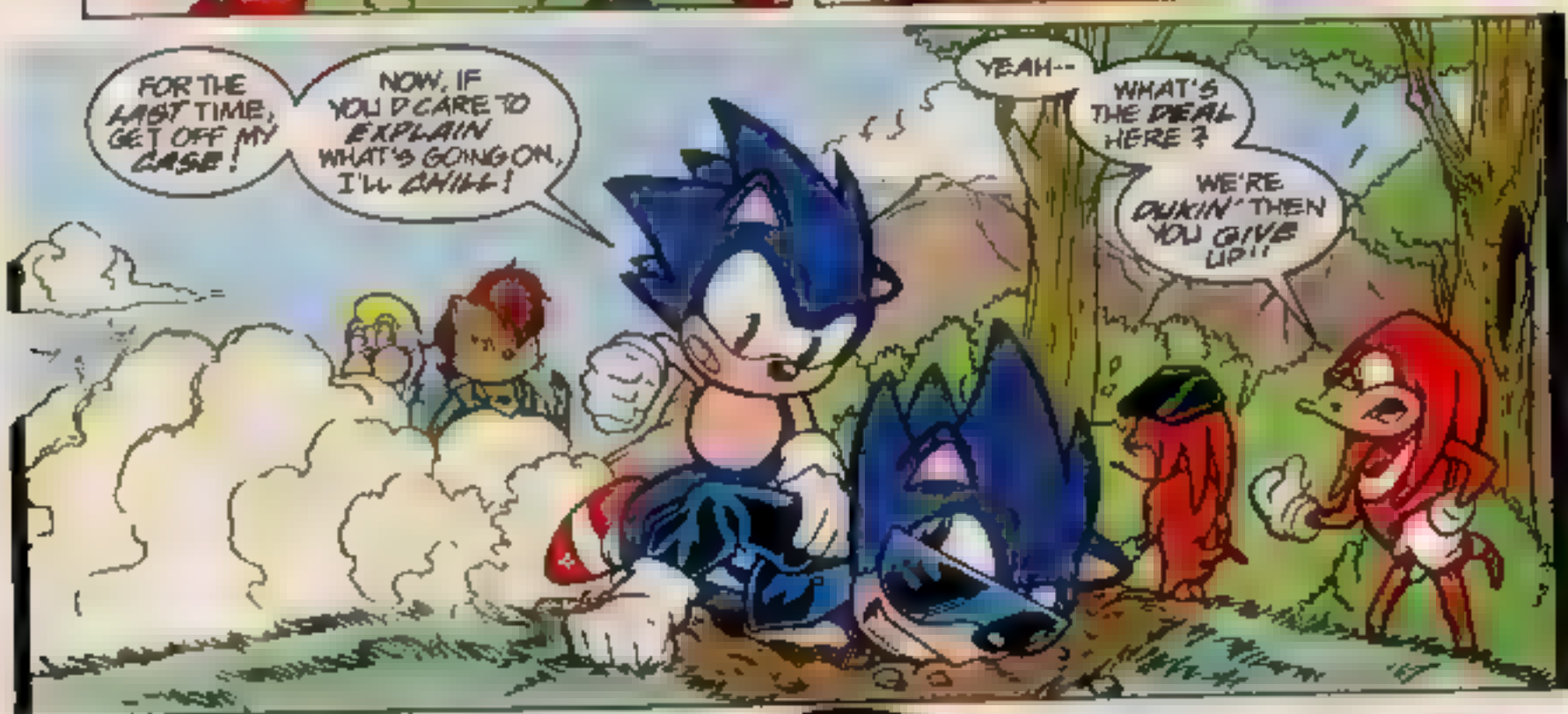
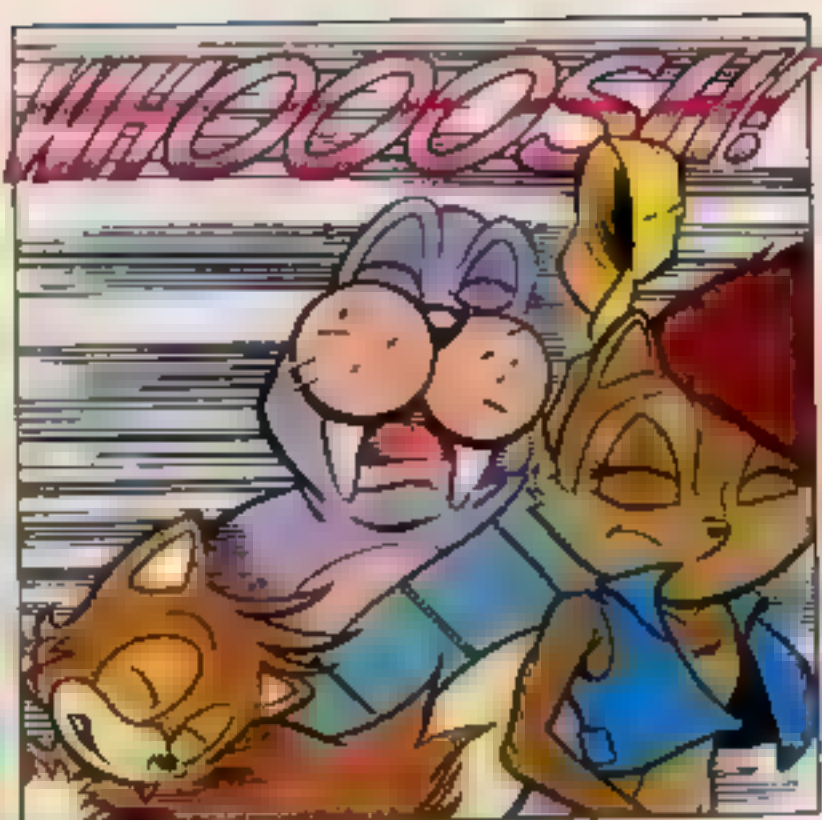
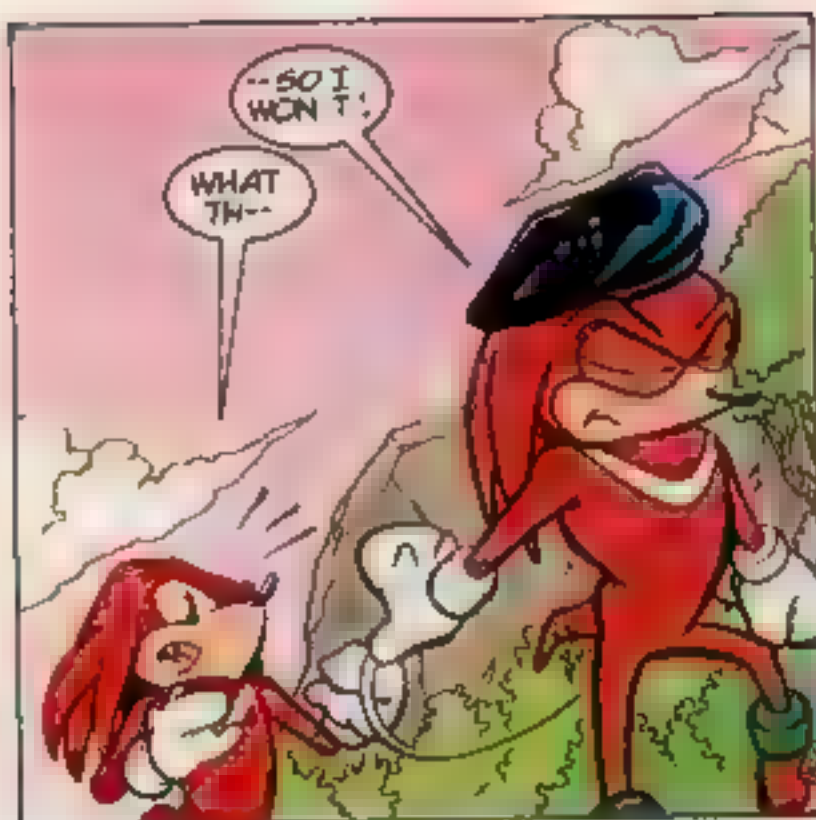
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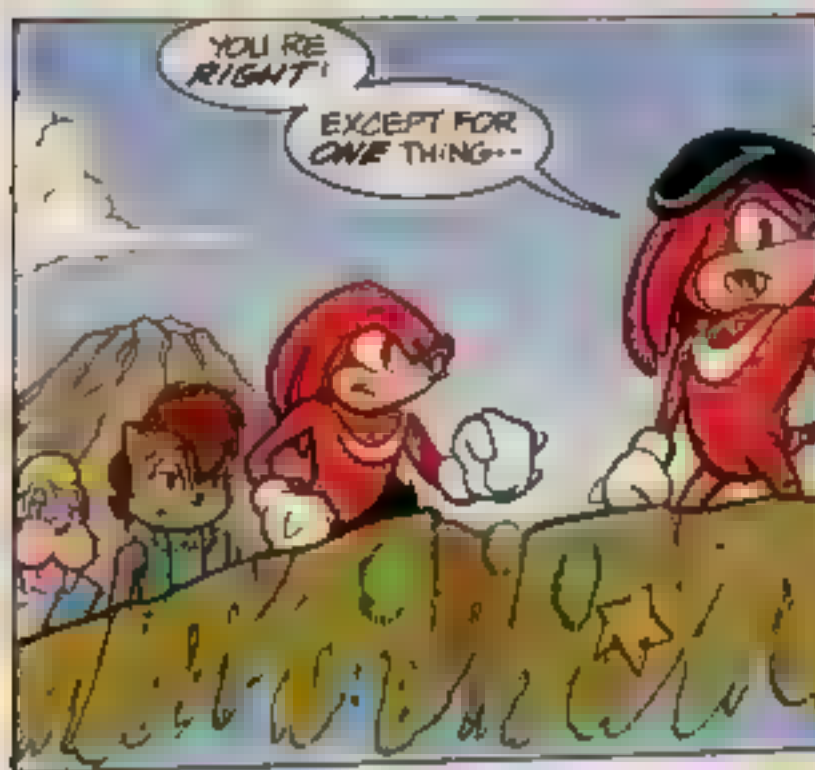


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ATLANTINOPOLIS
IS STRAIGHT AHEAD!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

WE SHOULD BE
PULLING INTO THE
STATION IN
LESS THAN 30
SECONDS!

WAY-
COOL!

THAT'S
PUTTING IT
MILDLY,
SONIC!

BLACK AND BLUE AND RED ALL OVER

PART III

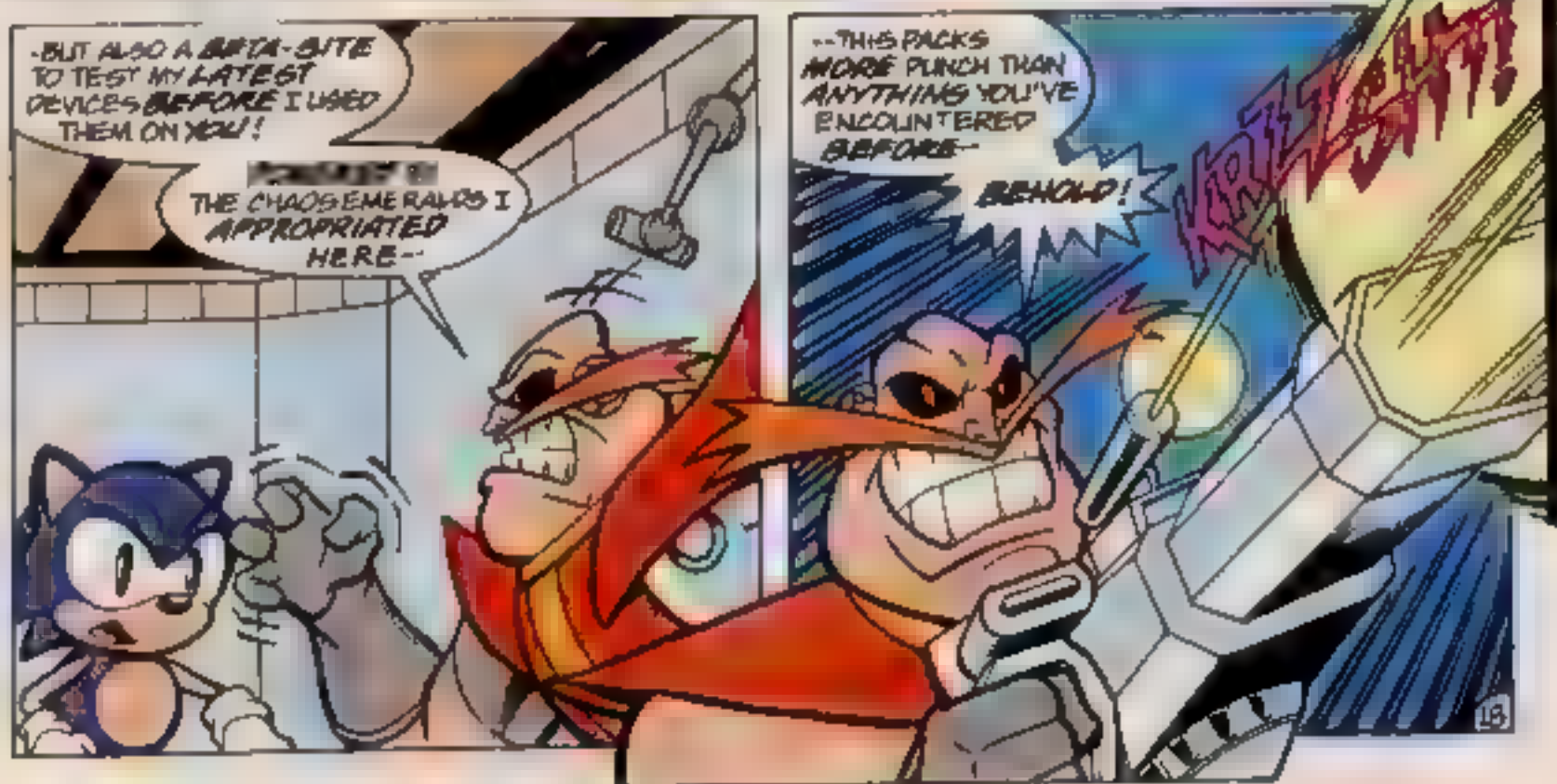
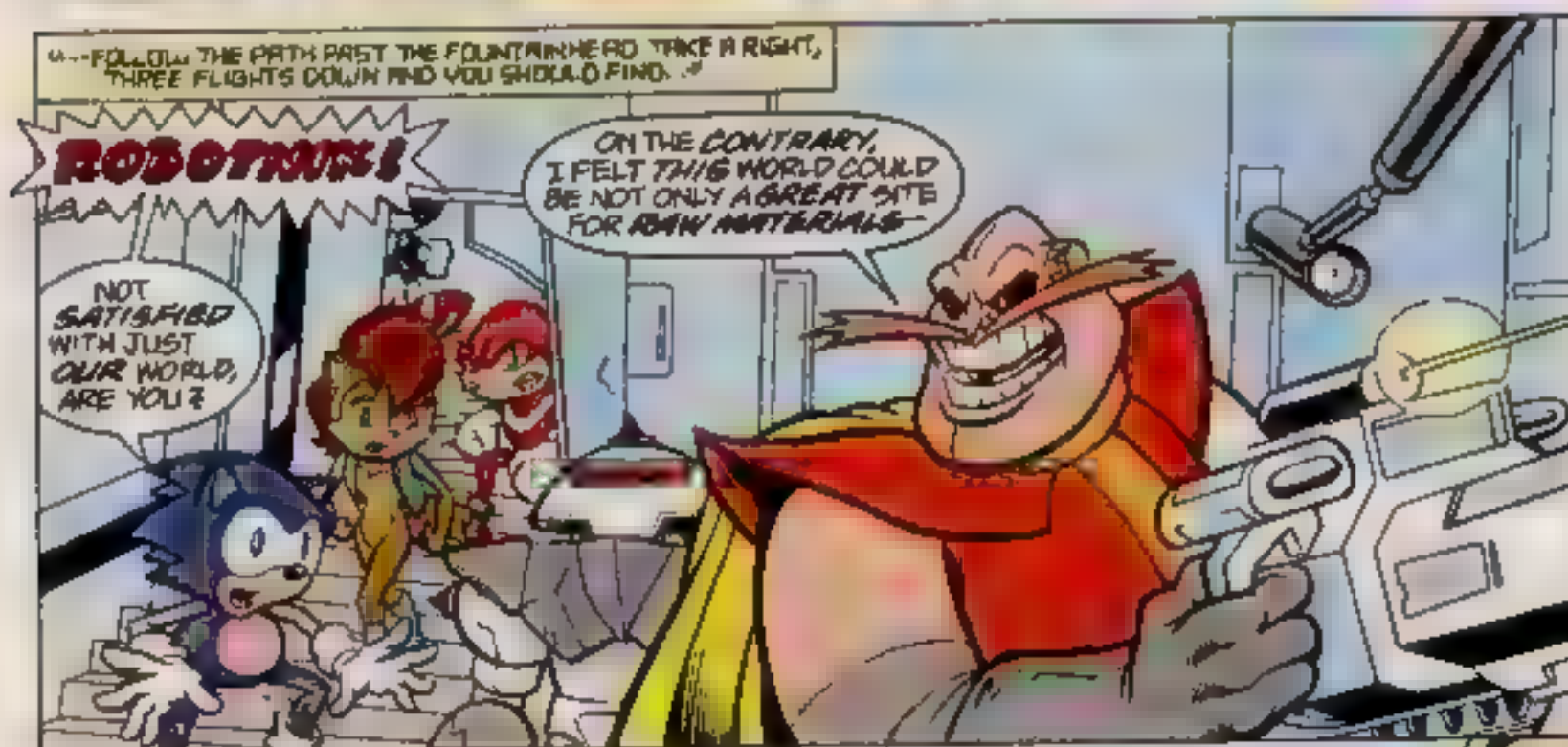
END OF THE
LINE, BUT HOPEFULLY
NOT US!

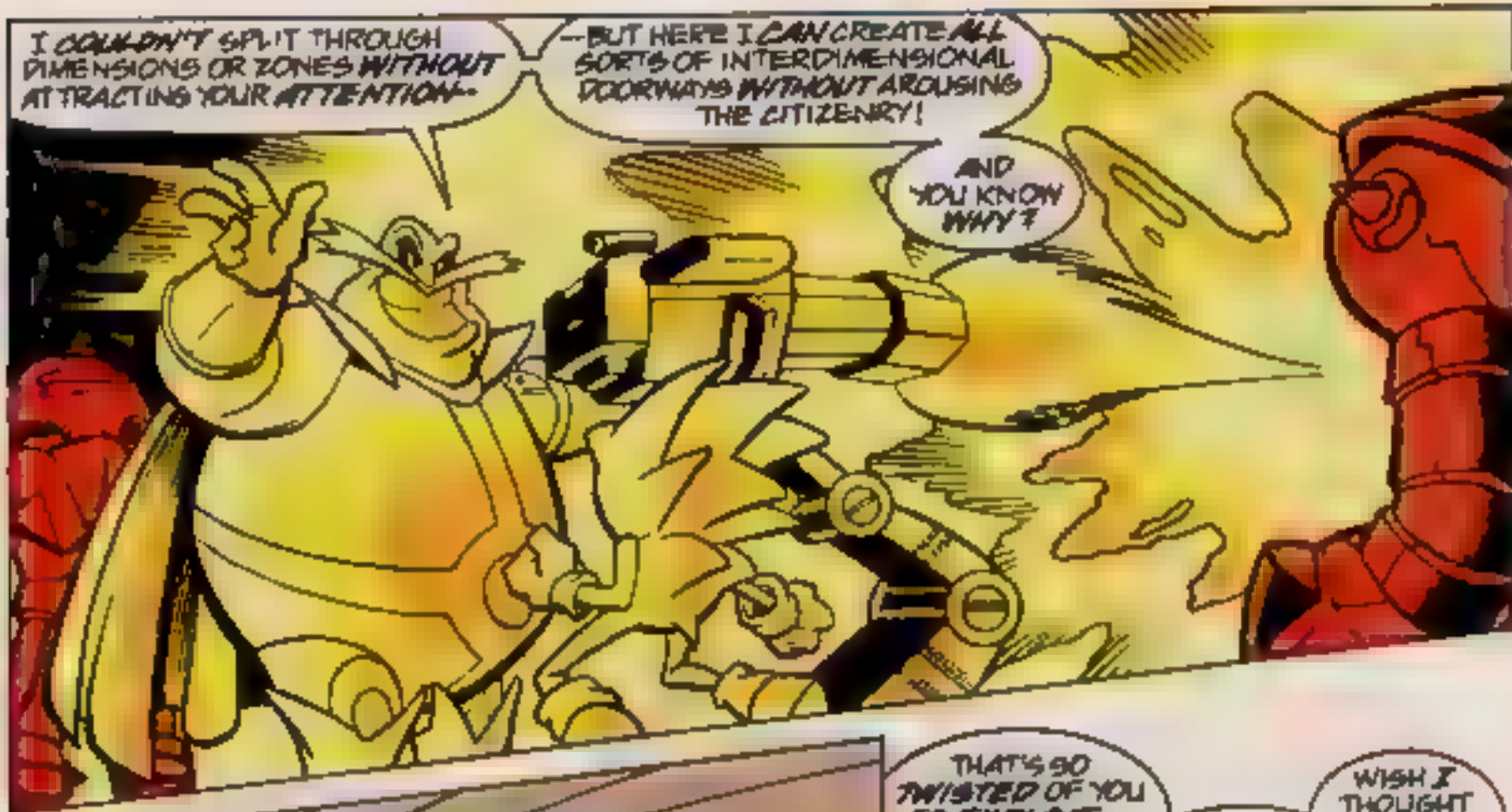
SWHEW!
AIR SEEMS A BIT
THICK!

UNLESS WE JURY
RIG SOMETHING FAST
TO POWER THE AIR
CONTAINMENT FIELD--

--IT'LL GET
EVEN
THICKER!

HOLD IT! DO
YOU GUYS HEAR
SOMETHING?

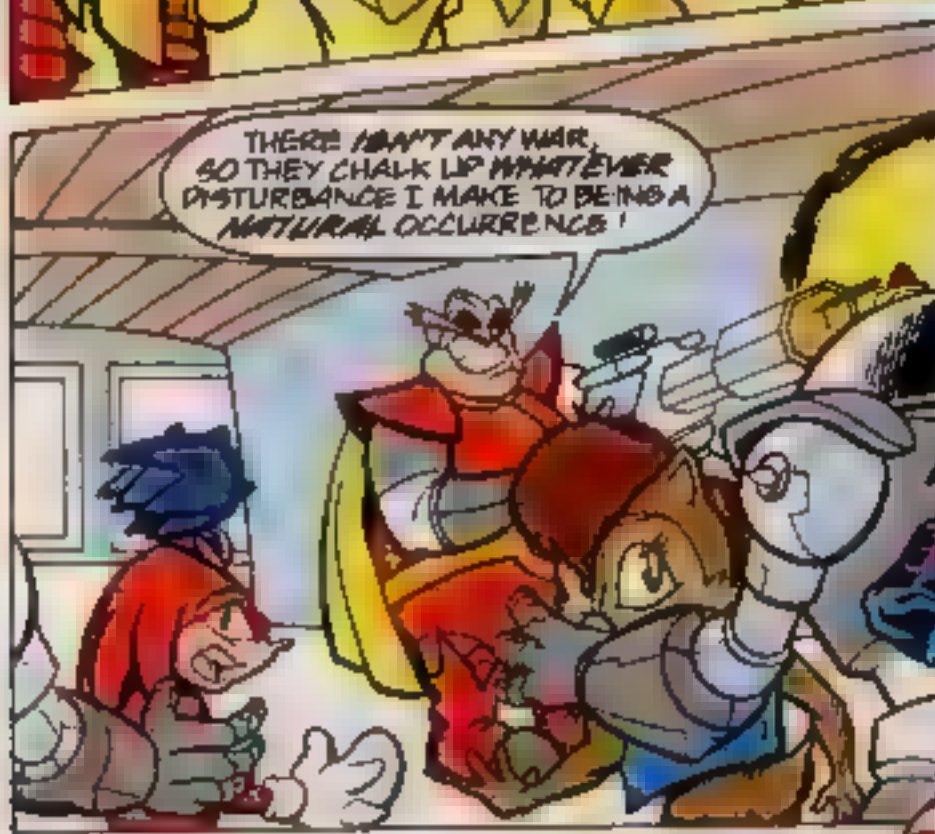




I COULDN'T SPLIT THROUGH DIMENSIONS OR ZONES WITHOUT ATTRACTING YOUR ATTENTION--

--BUT HERE I CAN CREATE ALL SORTS OF INTERDIMENSIONAL DOORWAYS WITHOUT AROUSING THE CITIZENRY!

AND YOU KNOW WHY?



THERE ISN'T ANY WAR, SO THEY CHALK UP WHATEVER DISTURBANCE I MAKE TO BEING A NATURAL OCCURRENCE!

THAT'S SO TWISTED OF YOU TO EXPLOIT OUR WORLD LIKE THAT!

WISH I THOUGHT OF T FIRST!

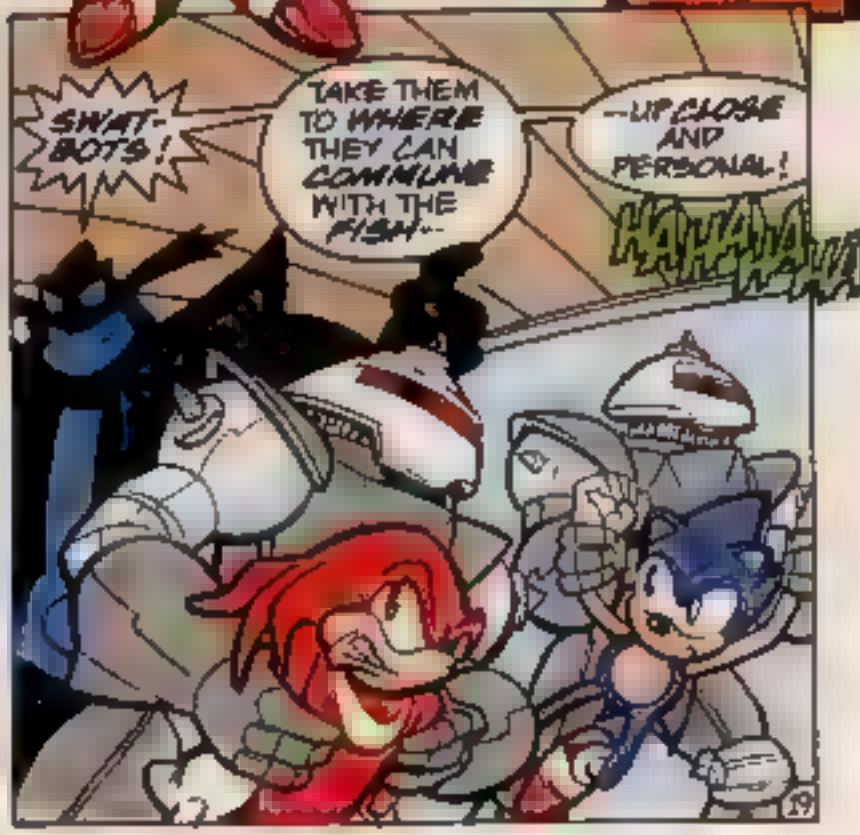
YES, I THOUGHT SO, TOO!



YOU HAVE ONE SERIOUS DRAWBACK!

YOU'RE STILL A NERD!

WHAT'S THAT?

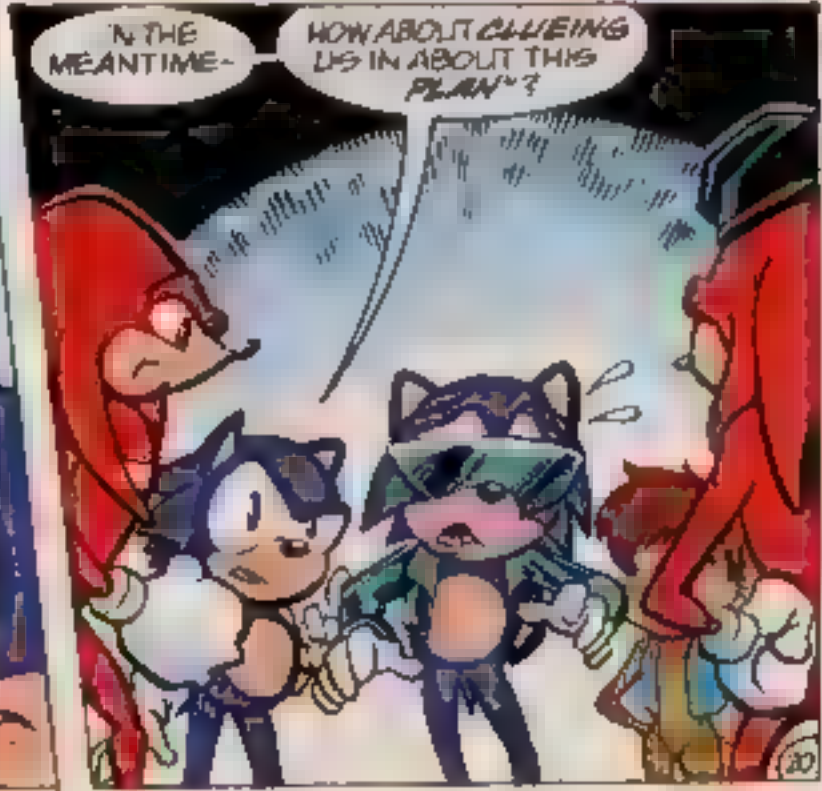
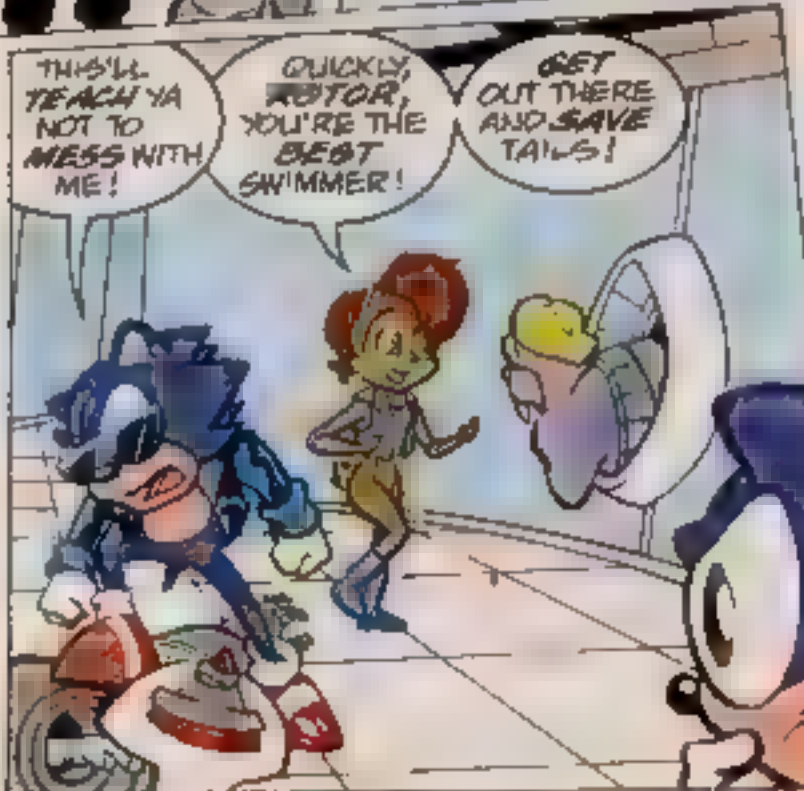
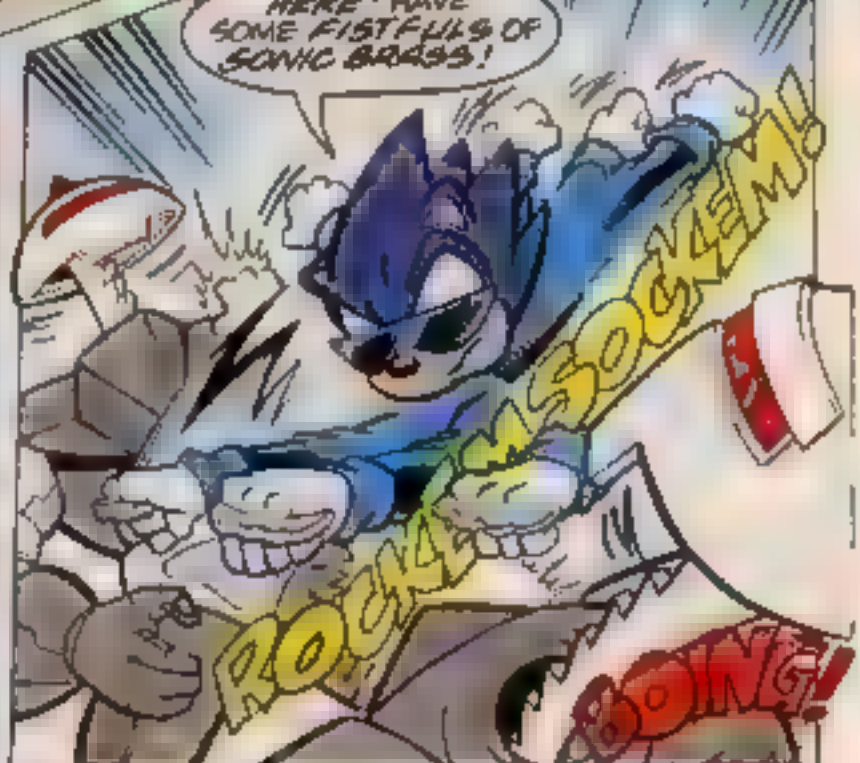
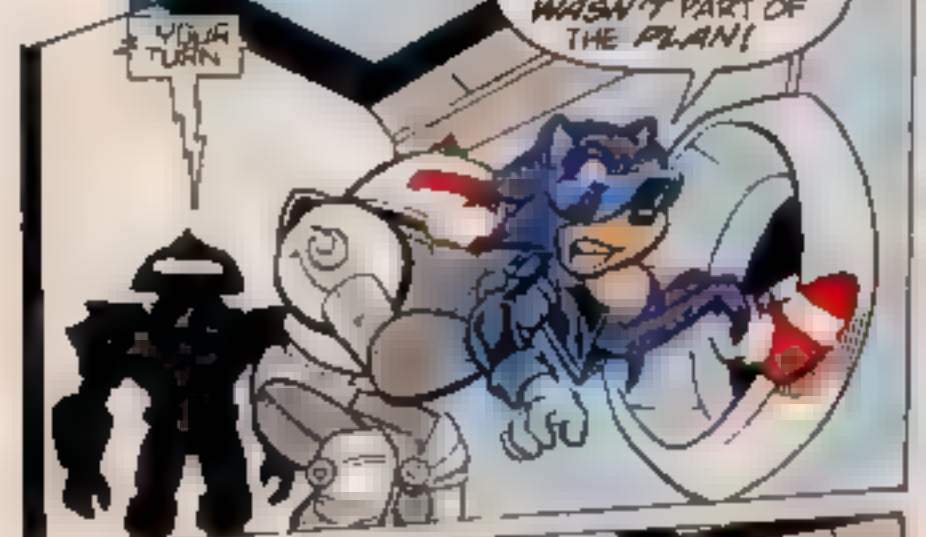
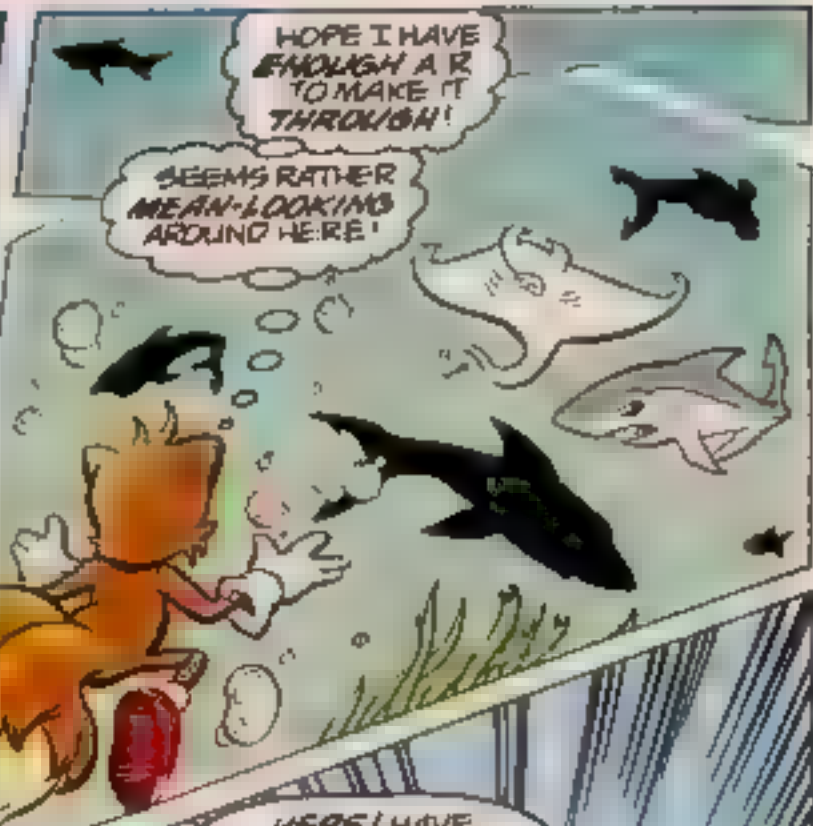
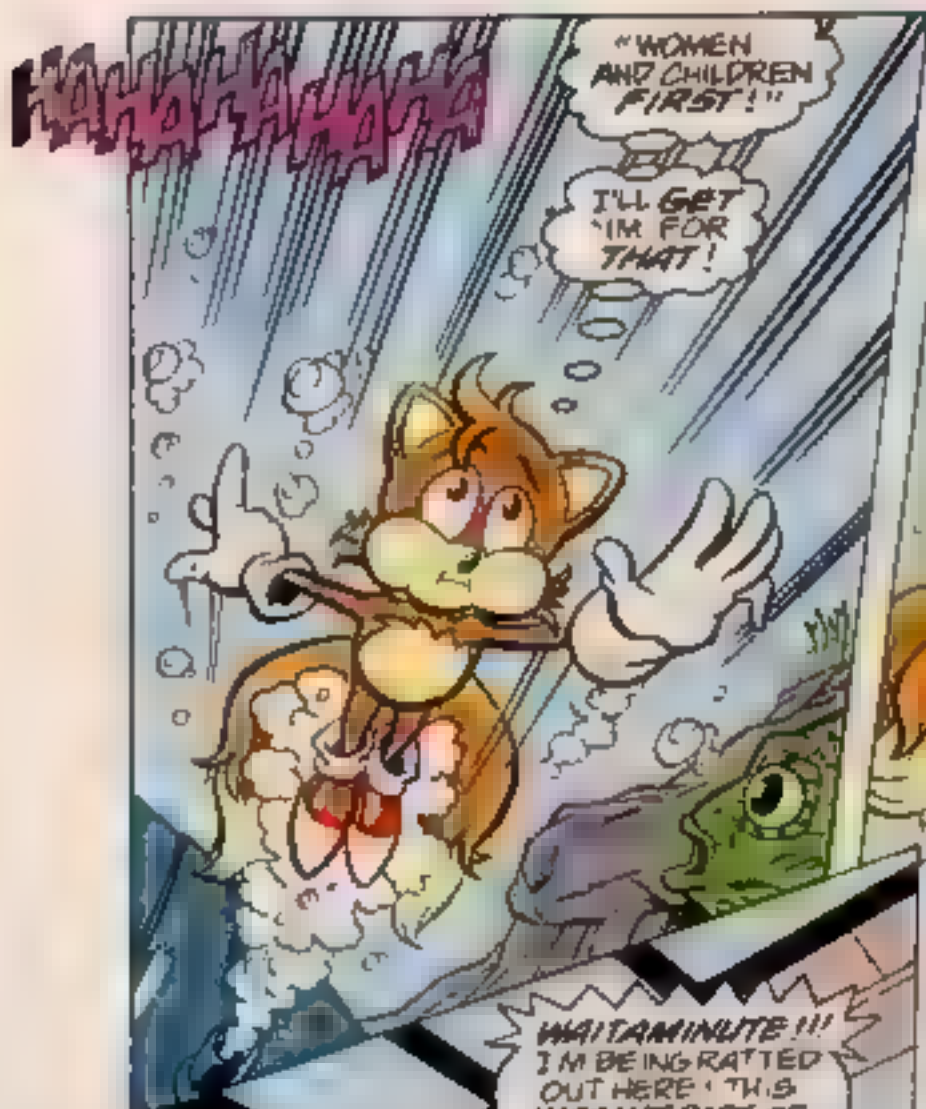


SWAT-BOTS!

TAKE THEM TO WHERE THEY CAN COMMUNE WITH THE FISH--

--UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL!

HAHAHAHA



"AND YOU BETTER HAVE SOMETHING BETTER THAN 'NO COMMENT'!"

THE GLOVES ARE OFF, RO-BUTT-NIK!

WE KNOW THE WHOLE SCHEME!

EVIL SONIC WAS WORKING IN CAMOOTS WITH YOU FOR A PIECE OF THE ACTION!

LIKE SO MANY OTHER SMALL-TIME THUGS, HE DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT HE WAS DEALING WITH, DID HE?

NEITHER DO YOU, HERGEHOG!

EACH TIME WE BATTLE I GROW MEANER...

--AND MASTER.

--AS THIS SHOULD PROVE!

I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU WISH YOU STAYED ROBOTICIZED WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH YOU!!

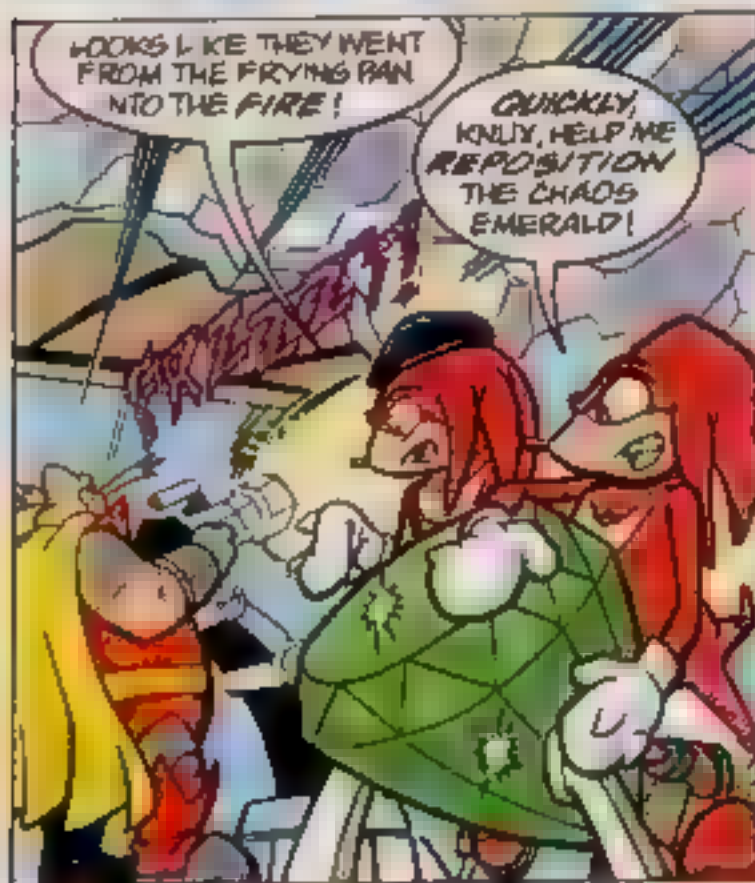
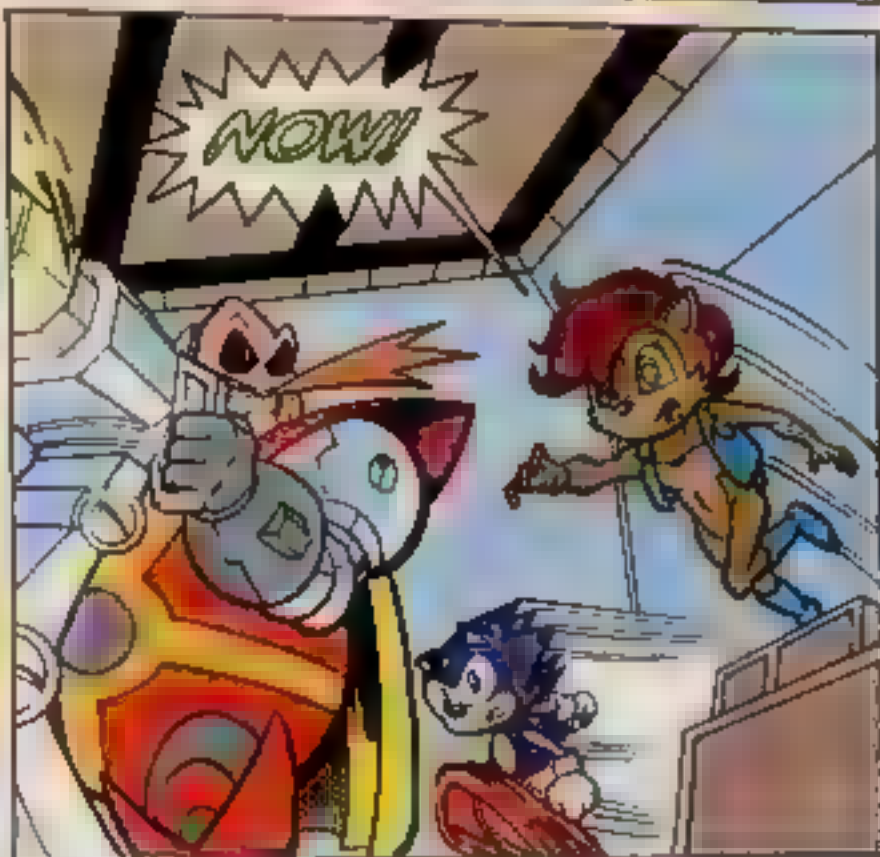
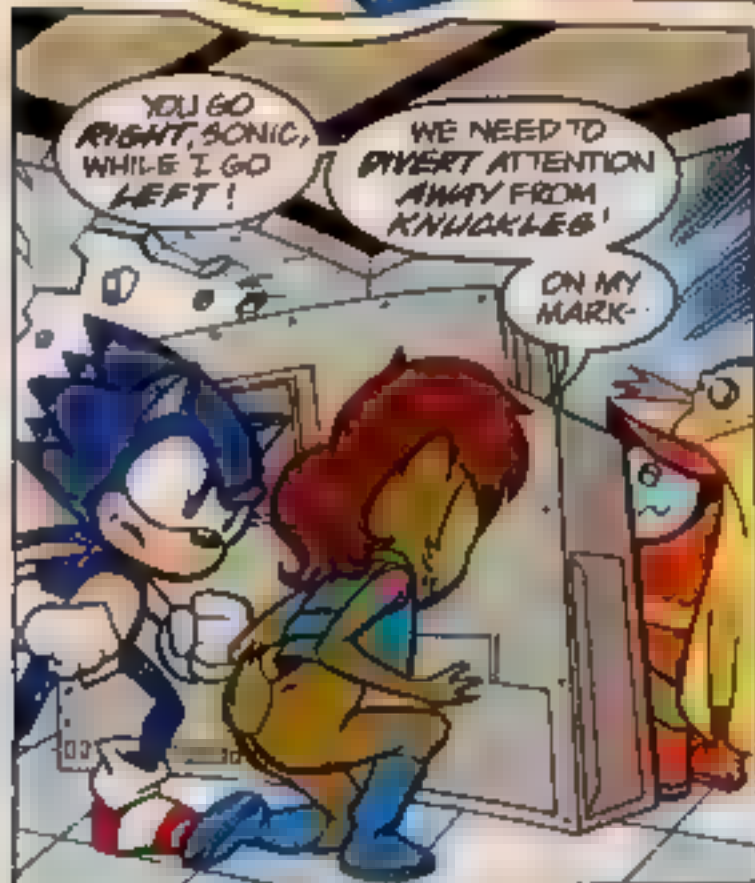
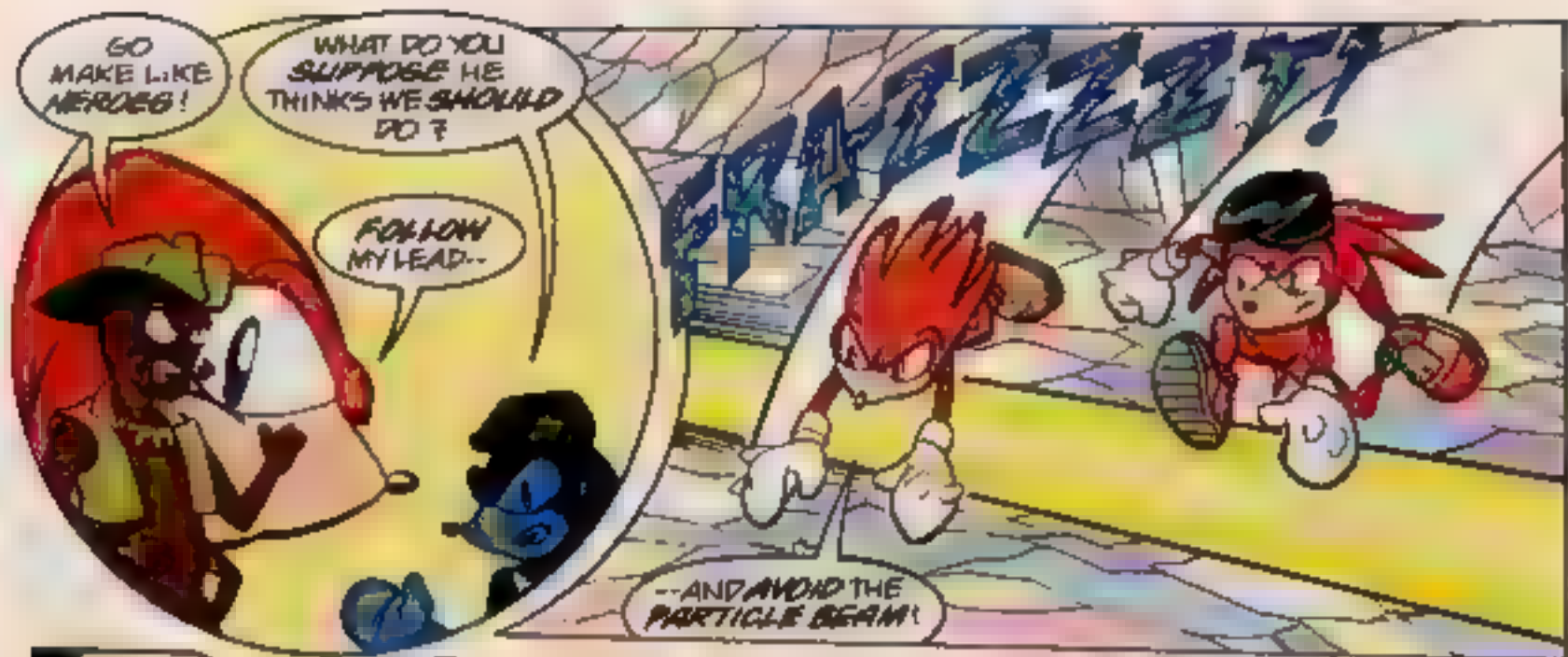
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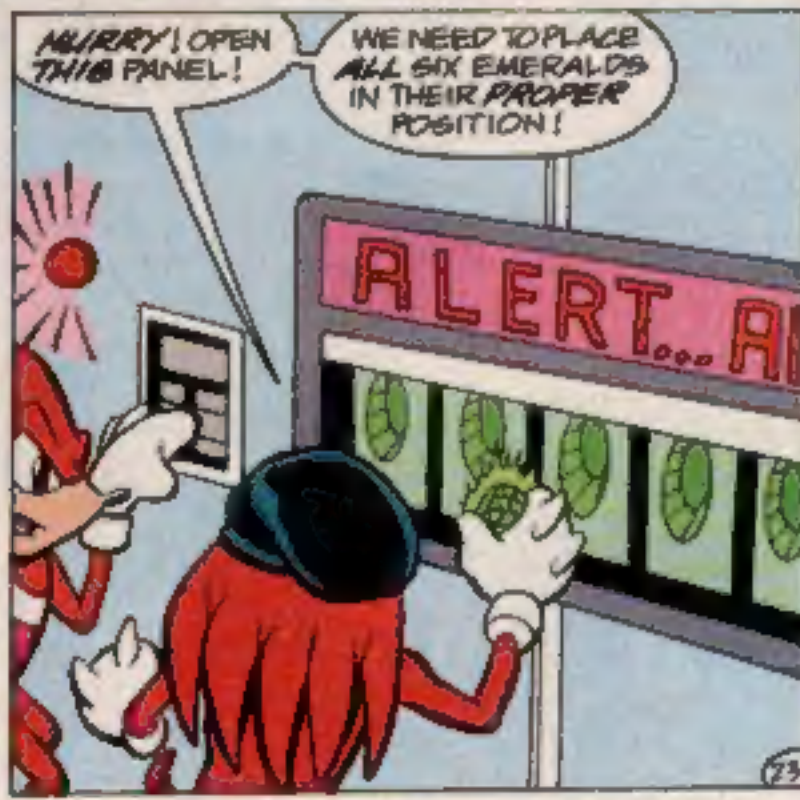
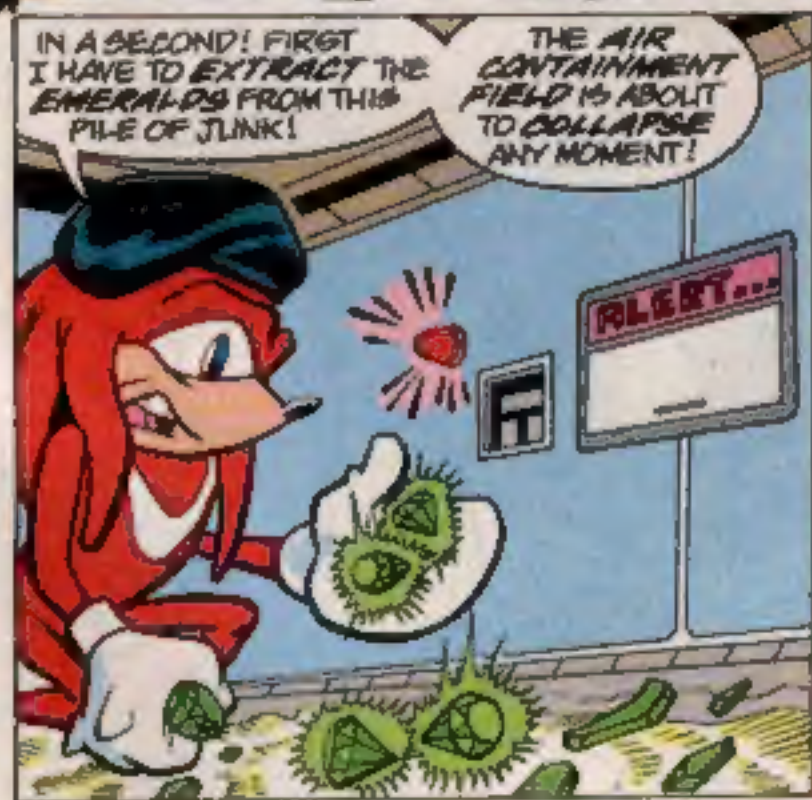
HE'S OPENED A GATEWAY TO OUR CHAOS CHAMBER, KNUCKLES!

ARCHIMEDES!!

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT!

WELL, WHAT ARE THE TWO OF YOU WAITING FOR?







THE END

SONIC-GRAMS

THIS JUST IN!

J. P. Gable
Editor

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COVERING
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e've received tons of letters from Knuckles fans asking for more — well, now you got your wish! Starting in January 1997, "KNUCKLES: THE DARK LEGION", a new three-issue mini-series, makes its appearance in stores everywhere! What is the Dark Legion? And what does it have to do with Knuckles' past? Join Knuckles and The Chaotix as they prepare for their greatest threat yet! More revelations will be made on the mysterious history of the Echidnas, including Knuckles' lineage as "Guardian of the Floating Island!" **Bonus:** All three covers combine to make one big image! Collect all three!

Those of you who were disappointed that Rotor didn't get to use his "Party-Hardy Quadra-Sonic Rock n'Roller" in this story will get to see it in full action soon. And he's going to need it. For even as I write this, events are forming now that will determine the future of Mobius! It is a story that will catapult us into the senses-shattering SONIC #50! Nothing will prepare you for "End Game!" Keep reading Sonic-Grams for more info.

Next Month ...in SONIC #45: Because you the fans demanded it, the return of everybody's favorite cave-bear, Mobie! The Freedom Fighters find out Dr. Robotnik's plan to build an installation in the Mobian Jungle. It is there that Mobie makes his home. But before they can warn him, the FF are ambushed by ... Guerrillas or Gorillas? What do they have to do with this story? Pick up the book and find out! Also KnucklesQuest continues... as he gets one step closer to the Sword of Acorn, the sorcerer and the enchantress (from the Ancient Walkers' cryptic message) attack! On sale January 1997!

And in two weeks SONIC BLAST #1: The comic adaptation for the new, long-awaited Sonic game "SONIC 3-D BLAST!" It is available for your Genesis, Game Gear and Saturn! After you play the game, read the comic that gives you the inside scoop. Plus: This issue contains a four-page "Find Your Name in Print" feature that lists over a thousand names — as well as a special Fan Art featuring the full color pieces we couldn't print in the regular series! On sale late December 1996!

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Dear Sonic,

I have been a loyal subscriber for three years and I have enjoyed your comic throughout all its changes. I love The Freedom Fighters and The Chaotix. I would like to see them work together on a mission one day. I would also like to see Tails work more closely with you. To Freddy, I would like to say that you are doing a great job and keep up the good work. I also have some questions: 1) Why doesn't Knuckles have any fingers? 2) When is Amy Rose going to show up again? That's it for now. Keep Juicin'!

Andrew Dunlap (Age 13)
Beach Park, IL



Wow! A three-year subscriber to my book! Hey, dude, thanks for the loyal support! We here at Hog Central aim to please. As I hope the countdown to my Fiftieth issue will do for you. The Freedom Fighters and The Chaotix aren't fighting the same war but we might hook up in the future. I hope you checked out my "SONIC-QUEST" mini-series where me and Tails work together on a solo mission. 1) I don't know. I'll have to ask him next time I see him (if he's not too busy using them against me). 2) Amy Rose may make another appearance soon.

Dear Sonic The Hedgehog,

My favorite thing to do is draw. In SONIC #39, I was thrilled to see "Spaz" back in action. Both SONIC #25 and #39 are my favorites. Three cheers for "Spaz!" By the way, what's the difference between Mecha Sonic and Metal Sonic?

Micah Zak (Age 15)
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The difference between Mecha Sonic and Metal Sonic is the following: Metal Sonic is now referred to by The Freedom Fighters as any of those "mecha-sonics" created by Dr.

Robotnik from scratch. Mecha Sonic is referred to ME when I was roboticized. That's the difference.

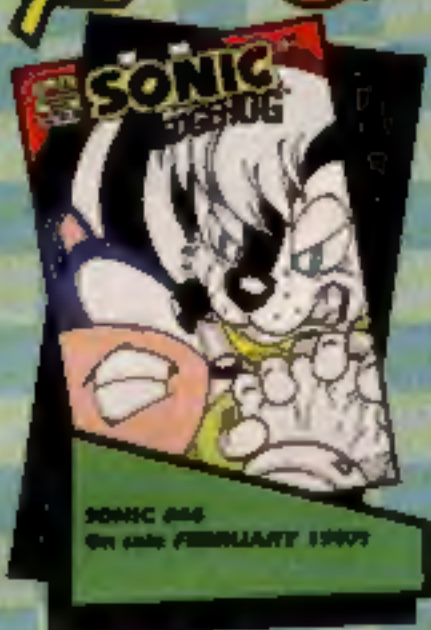


Dear Sonic,

The first thing I want to say is that the last few of your comics have been great! Especially the MECHA MADNESS series. I really liked the artwork, too. I am 14 years old and currently in high school. I can draw you like a pro. I almost have your whole comic series and a ton of your video games. Yep, I've been a fan since your first game came out. Now for a couple of questions: 1) Will you make an Antoine mini-series? Hal just kidding. 2) Will you make a special issue based on the new Sonic game coming out entitled "Sonic X-Treme?" Plus: I'm also looking forward to the "SONICQUEST" series. It looks really good. Well, that's about it. Keep up the GREAT work!

Jesse
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Thanks for the kudos, Jesse. As for your answers: 1) Hal is right. 2) Possibly. Keep a sharp eye on these very same pages to hear the latest on that.



Speaking of how "SONICQUEST" goes, how did you the fans like it? If you wrote in to LettersQuest, they will appear in upcoming Sonic-Gramps! Lastly, if you would like to write in on the net, send your comments to the following email address: Beany7Dude@aol.com

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in the subject heading. Catch you on the flip side, Hog-fans!

